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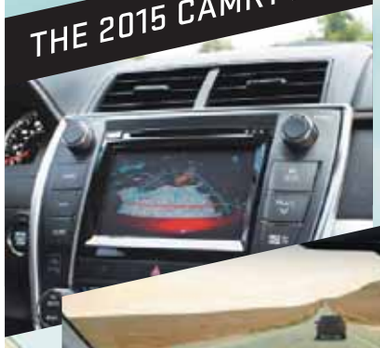

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Make pints worth every penny, says council candidate

Bottoms up. OneCity's RJ Aquino advocates for standard pint sizes so people are 'getting what they pay for'

In the midst of an increasingly negative election campaign, one council candidate has proposed a policy that may inspire Vancouverites to raise their glasses and say, "Cheers."

RJ Aquino of the upstart civic party OneCity wants to standardize beer and cider sizes so a pint is always a 568-millilitre pint, a policy he says will help citizens grapple with the pressing issue of affordability.

"When people walk into a restaurant or their favourite bar, when they ask for a pint, they should be getting what they ask for and getting what they pay for," he said Tuesday.

As it stands, consumers are presented with a confusing array of pints, sleeves and glasses, all of which can mean different sizes depending on the establishment.

While the province regulates alcoholic beverages, Aquino says Vancouver could step in by requiring bars and restaurants to list the actual sizes of drinks to obtain a business licence.

The policy will ensure all the craft breweries popping up will be on the same playing field, Aquino says.

"With all the talk about Vancouver being a no-fun city when a lot of people appreciate their beer in Vancouver, we want to make sure what you order and what you pay for is a pint," he said.

The proposal earned him support from the Campaign for Real Ale Society, which has spent three years campaigning for standard sizes to stop short pouring.

"We've regularly reported our findings to the city licensing offices, but they don't seem interested in ensuring that customers get what they pay for," the society's Adam Chatburn said in a statement. "I think that beer drinkers in Vancouver would be happy to have a city councillor like RJ Aquino standing up for them."

Aquino, the sole candidate for OneCity, also advocates for affordable housing and child care. His goal is to help young families stay in the city.

He formerly ran for council with COPE, but broke away from the party earlier this year.

Despite the challenges of running for an untested party, Aquino pulled in slightly more campaign donations than the Green party and only $12,000 less than COPE, for a total of $47,286.08. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

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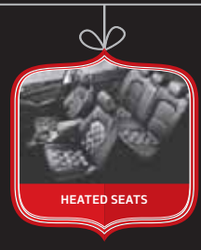

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AG suing driver, trucking company in Mountie's death

Canada's attorney general is suing a transport truck driver involved in a crash that killed a Surrey Mountie who was working in the line of the duty.

Const. Adrian Oliver died in November 2012 when his unmarked police cruiser slammed into a semi-tractor at an intersection in the city.

The civil suit filed in B.C. Supreme Court claims driver Harjit Lotay made a negligent driving move that caused his vehicle to cross directly into the path of the oncoming RCMP vehicle.

The suit seeks special damages from Lotay and his employer, Heaven Transport. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Montney formation

Pembina building $210M pipeline expansion

Pembina Pipeline Corp. says it's going ahead with a $210-million expansion to its pipeline network that will transport condensates and natural gas liquids out of northeastern British Columbia.

The Calgary-based company has signed binding agreements with customers for the NEBC Expansion project, which will serve producers in the Montney formation.

The project will connect Montney gas via Pembina's existing infrastructure to the Edmonton area market hub.

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Mayor defends misquotes on website attacking NPA

theywinyoulose.ca. Quotes from articles used to advance party's stance against Kirk LaPointe truncated, missing attribution

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Vision Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson defended his party for misquoting reporters on a new website attacking the Non-Partisan Association (NPA) to make their words appear more favourable to Vision, the city's ruling party.

The website, entitled theywinyoulose.ca, uses four quotes from local newspaper articles to advance Vision's arguments against the NPA and its mayoral candidate Kirk LaPointe, the top challenger in the Nov. 15 election.

But the website chopped off the end of two of the four quotes, changing the meaning in one case and deleting the attribution in the other.

It quoted a Vancouver Courier article that stated, "LaPointe also reiterated his party's interest in Kinder Morgan's proposal to build another pipeline from Alberta to Burnaby."

Yet Vision's website neglected to include the back half of the sentence that reads: "... but cautioned the NPA's support would only come if the National Energy Board set conditions that made it 'the safest project in the world.' "

It also deleted the attribution from a sentence in a Metro article, making the sentence look like the newspaper's opinion instead of a quote from Vision itself.

When asked about the discrepancy by CKNW on Monday, Robertson said the deletion didn't misrepresent the reporters' words.

"I don't know that they are misconstrued. I think they are represented as they showed up," he told reporters on Monday.

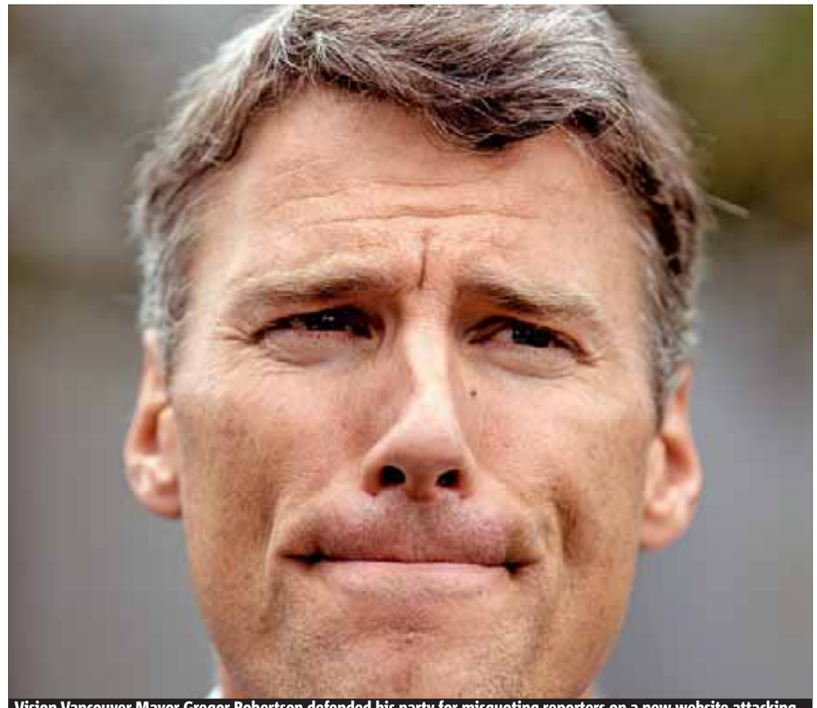
"Our materials are really about pointing out what the differences are between the parties."

The website is the latest in a series of negative ads by both parties in a campaign that is taking a nasty turn.

Robertson is suing LaPointe for defamation over comments that a union donation amounted to a "corrupt deal."

Vision is also attacking LaPointe for living at UBC, which means he does not pay taxes in Vancouver.

LaPointe accuses Robertson of running the least transparent government in the country, having rigid ideology and bullying.



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Mayor Gregor Robertson, on the questionable quotes on theywinyoulose.ca

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Police review video of man setting hair on fire

Posted online. Difficult to determine whether onlookers are exploiting vulnerable man: Police

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Investigators are looking into a disturbing video posted online that shows a man setting his own hair on fire.

The 30-second video, posted on LiveLeak under the title "Crackhead Lights Hair on Fire," shows a man in Gastown sparking a lighter as onlookers laugh and goad the man to "burn it … all of it."

The flames engulf the back of the man's head and, eventually, an onlooker rushes in to put out the fire, then offers him a cigarette while other people not seen in the video continue to laugh.

Vancouver police spokesperson Const. Brian Montague said police are aware of the video and are trying to determine if it warrants a criminal investigation.

"It appears to be edited and incomplete, and unfortunately you don't see what happens before the man begins to light his hair," Montague wrote to Metro via email on Tuesday. "It is hard to determine from the video alone if someone has coached him, offered money or placed him under any sort of duress."

Morality

"It is unfortunate that there are those that think it is acceptable or amusing to watch, film and post something like this."
Const. Brian Montague

Possible criminality aside, Montague condemned the act contained in the video and the fact it was posted online for public consumption.

"It is unfortunate that there are those that think it is acceptable or amusing to watch, film and post something like this, especially when it involves someone who is clearly part of a marginalized community."

From the clip, it's not known whether the man in the video is homeless, drug-addicted or suffers from mental illness.

Police have previously investigated similar videos posted online, including one of a homeless man being kicked in the groin on Granville Street in exchange for money.

Unlike that case, Montague said, the latest video shows "no overt force from another person to immediately suggest a possible or potential assault."

A screengrab from a video in which a man ignites his hair in Gastown. LIVELEAK

Report casts doubt on pipeline projections

An RCMP boat looks on as Greenpeace activists hang a banner off one of the oil containers at the Kinder Morgan facility in Burrard Inlet in Burnaby in October 2013. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kinder Morgan is overplaying the economic benefits and downplaying the costs of its proposed Trans Mountain pipeline expansion, according to a report released Monday.

Simon Fraser University's Centre for Public Policy Research teamed with The Goodman Group Ltd., a California-based consulting firm, to vet the estimated impacts.

The report "strongly recommends that the citizens and decision-makers of B.C. and Metro Vancouver reject this pipeline, which is neither in the economic nor public interest of B.C. and Metro Vancouver."

The $5.4-billion expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline would nearly triple its capacity.

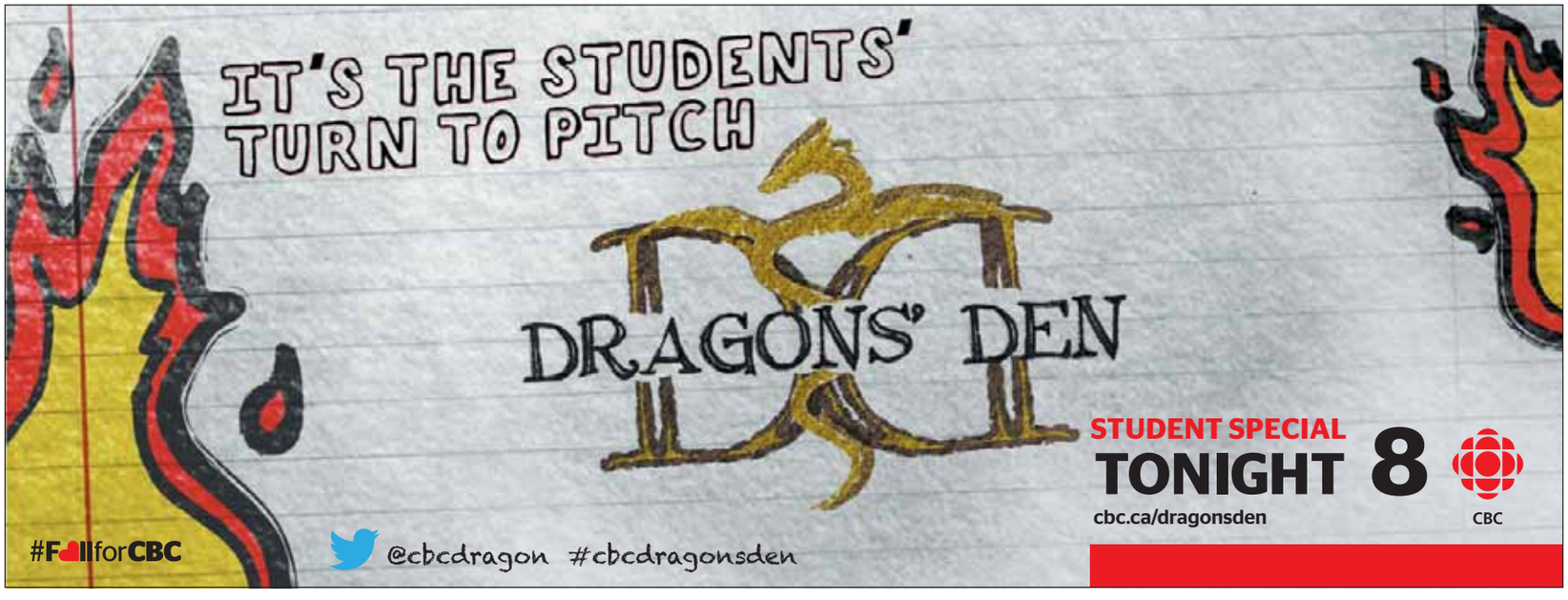
In its regulatory application to the National Energy Board late last year, Kinder Morgan included an analysis by the Conference Board of Canada, an economic think-tank based in Ottawa. The conference board estimated 36,000 person-years of employment in B.C. while the pipeline was being built.

Monday's report says employment during construction would be a third of that, tops.

The number of long-term jobs is also overstated, the report says. Kinder Morgan has projected 50 direct full-time jobs once the pipeline is done, with 2,000 resulting from spinoff benefits. The report pegs the spinoff jobs at closer to 800.

The report's authors say B.C. coffers will get a "tiny" benefit from the Trans Mountain expansion, with Alberta and oilsands producers the main beneficiaries. Property-tax benefits for B.C. communities along the route would average less than one per cent of current total municipal revenues.

On the cost side, the report also takes issue with Kinder Morgan's numbers. The company's most expensive spill scenario puts the cost at $300 million, maximum. Brigid Rowan, senior energy economist with the Goodman Group, said a large spill in an area like Metro Vancouver could cost up to $5 billion. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Taxi companies launch anti-Uber effort

Unified crusade. Cab services from six cities join forces against Uber

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Vancouver's taxi association isn't alone in its disdain for Uber.

The local association has teamed up with taxi companies from Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary and Edmonton to launch a national campaign against the car-for-hire service.

The unified crusade comes as Uber, a company that connects drivers and passengers using a smartphone app, attempts to launch in Vancouver without regulatory approval. Uber already operates in Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa without the cities' overt blessings, but has not yet successfully launched out west.

The taxi group argues services such as Uber are unsafe because they use untrained, unlicensed drivers and ignore municipal and provincial laws.

"Canadians using these services are taking a real risk by unregulated, unlicensed car-for-hire services," Carolyn Bauer of the Vancouver Taxi Association said in a statement announcing the launch of the website taxitruths.ca.

Confusion?

"There is a lot of hype, opinion and misinformation about this trend."

Carolyn Bauer, Vancouver Taxi Association

In contrast, the taxi group presents itself as a safe service with full commercial insurance and predictable fares. Some of Uber's rates depend on supply and demand.

Vancouver's Taxi Association has donated thousands of dollars to Vision Vancouver, the Non-Partisan Association and the Green Party. The city voted to study the taxi industry for six months — well beyond the Nov. 15 election — before making any decision on Uber.

While taxi companies dislike Uber, customers like the service that allows them to get a ride without fumbling for cash; payments are done through the smartphone app using credit cards.

Some taxi drivers are intrigued by paying less to Uber than they do to the cab companies, but also worried that Uber could take away their jobs.

Taxi cabs wait in a queue outside Canada Place in Vancouver in October.
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Wrong turn. Surrey nurse gets $1.1M damages after truck dragged her car

A judge has awarded a Surrey nurse $1.1 million in damages for an accident involving a semi-trailer truck that ran over the woman's car and dragged it down the street.

The nurse, Harjot Khosa, who is married with two children, said she was terrified and thought she was going to die. She still suffers nightmares from the accident, which happened on Feb. 5, 2009, and fears being involved in another accident.

Khosa was sitting in the curb lane of Oak Street at the intersection of 41st Street, waiting for the light to change. A small truck in front of her turned right onto 41st Street and there was a semi-trailer truck in the lane to the left.

The semi next to her started to turn right from the middle lane of Oak.

The rear of the trailer hit Khosa's car, shattering her driver's side window and showering her with glass fragments, and causing her head to hit the back of the seat.

Her car was snagged by the trailer and was dragged around the corner and some distance down 41st Street. The car eventually came free of the trailer and came to rest on the sidewalk.

The driver of the semi admitted liability, so the judge at the civil trial only had to determine the amount of damages.

Khosa told the court that she had trouble focusing when she eventually returned to work, so she had to reduce her hours.

She said given her injuries and her depression caused by the accident, she felt it wouldn't be possible to work full hours, which made her sad.

She says she also rarely goes out, feeling she is no longer able to socialize with family and friends. And because of her neck pain and headaches, she says she no longer feels she can perform the housework she used to do. Khosa's husband, a bus driver, says she now lacks energy and has memory issues.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Saunders awarded Khosa a total of $1,145,646 in damages, including $750,000 for loss of future earning capacity, $165,000 for past income loss and $140,000 for non-pecuniary damages for pain and suffering, among others.

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Unprecedented three-way race in Surrey: Poll

Insights West. 'It's impossible to figure out (a winner),' says organization's vice-president

A new poll shows the race to become Surrey's next mayor is turning into one of the closest in the region's history.

Three frontrunners remain but there is no clear winner between Surrey First's Linda Hepner, Safe Surrey's Doug McCallum and One Surrey's Barinder Rasode.

According to a poll released by Insights West on Monday, Hepner and McCallum are deadlocked with 33 per cent support while Rasode barely trails, with 30 per cent.

"A three-way race like this is something we've never encountered before," said Insights West vice-president Mario Canseco. "It's impossible to figure out (a winner)."

Canseco says the tight race is a sign of Surrey residents adjusting to a new political landscape.

Incumbent Mayor Dianne Watts is the most popular municipal leader in the region and her decision to leave city hall for a run at federal politics has left voters confused and scrambling to appoint an heir, said Canseco.

The indecision is reflected in the poll, with nearly a quarter of respondents admitting they remain undecided on which candidate to back.

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Nov. 15. Vancouver's mayoral race tightens up in final week, poll shows

Non-Partisan Association candidate Kirk LaPointe is gaining ground in the city's mayoral race, but Vision Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson remains in the lead days before the municipal election, according to a new poll.

Among decided voters, 41 per cent would choose LaPointe and 46 per cent would pick Robertson, according to an Insights West poll of 505 Vancouverites conducted last week. Only nine per cent intend to vote for COPE candidate Meena Wong.

It's a marked improvement for LaPointe, whose approval rating jumped to 43 per cent from just 24 per cent in a similar poll in August. Robertson's approval rating has edged up slightly to 47 per cent.

Robertson is favoured by women and younger voters, while LaPointe is the top choice for men and people older than 55.

Voters believe Robertson would better handle environmental, parks, arts, transportation, housing and poverty issues, whereas LaPointe is seen as best suited to deal with finance, taxation, economic development and crime.

Residents still peg housing as the most important issue in the city.

But more than 25 per cent of voters have yet to make up their minds.

Advance polls are open for a final day on Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. After that, voters must wait until Saturday to cast their ballots on the official election day. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Dr. Perry Randall

Provincial health officer announces retirement

British Columbia's provincial health officer has announced his retirement.

Dr. Perry Kendall, who has been the province's top doc since 1999, announced that he will be stepping aside March 31, 2015. Health Minister Terry Lake issued a statement on Monday thanking Kendall for his work.

Kendall was awarded the Order of British Columbia in 2005, and his accomplishments include helping establish InSite, advocating for harm reduction, developing the Public Health Act, and leading the province through the SARS and H1N1 public health emergencies.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Teenage boy injured

Police probing Halloween attack

A serious attack on a 16-year-old boy on Halloween has Vancouver police asking the public for information that may help them solve the case.

The attack happened Oct. 31 around 11 p.m. when a 16-year-old boy left a house party and was last seen in the south lane of East 60th Avenue near Inverness Street, said Sgt. Randy Fincham of Vancouver police. Around 6 a.m., the boy knocked on the door of a home about a block away near Ross Street and asked for help. He was bleeding, shirtless and shoeless, said Fincham.

He was taken to hospital with a possible stab wound, a collapsed lung and scrapes and bruises to his face, Fincham said. His cellphone, jewelry and wallet were missing. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

Art draws ire of Hindu group

Gods of Suburbia. B.C. photographer's portrayal of Hindu deities called 'highly inappropriate'

A photo project by Vancouver photographer Dina Goldstein has sparked criticism from an American Hindu statesman who says the images are inappropriate and offensive to Hindu followers.

Rajan Zed, president of the Universal Society of Hinduism in Nevada, is calling for Goldstein to remove the images, which he said are "highly inappropriate" and trivialize two "highly revered deities" of Hinduism.

While many Hindus aren't aware of the photo project, Zed — who is best known for giving a Hindu prayer in the U.S. Senate in 2007 that sparked protests and saw the arrest of three people in the gallery — said followers with whom he has spoken were critical of the images.

"We would urge Ms. Goldstein to not include inappropriate pictures of Hindu deities in her project," he told Metro.

The photos are included in Goldstein's latest series Gods of Suburbia, and feature two Hindu gods, Ganesh and Lakshmi.

In the first photo, Lakshmi is shown in a kitchen, her four hands occupied with a cellphone, a baby bottle, a trident and money. A baby is seen crawling in one corner while a black snake slithers in the other. The second photo shows Ganesh, who has an elephant head and human body, sitting on a bench at Vancouver's Fairview Elementary as two children appear to be bullying him.

Zed said Hindus support free speech, but that faith is "something sacred and attempts at belittling it" are "painful for the devotees."

"Ganesh and Lakshmi and other Hindu deities were meant to be worshipped in temples and home shrines and it was not appropriate to unnecessarily drag them around to push your personal interests," he said of Goldstein's work.

In an email interview Monday, Goldstein said she was aware of Zed's criticisms but defended her photo series.

"I respect the rights of people to believe in and worship whatever gods they choose, even if I do not conform to a doctrine myself," said the visual artist. "However, I live in a democratic society that allows me to speak frankly and openly. Not everyone today has this privilege so I choose to excise this within my art."

An image of Hindu goddess Lakshmi is included in a photo series by Vancouver photographer Dina Goldstein. The images have sparked criticism from U.S. Hindu statesman Rajan Zed. COURTESY DINA GOLDSTEIN

Goldstein said she often uses iconic figures in her work to bring attention to issues that are relevant to her. She said she was inspired to use Hindu deities in her latest project after spending time in India in 2012.

Lakshmi, she said, is depicted in the photo as a "perfect example of how women today shoulder the responsibilities of home and work," while Ganesh's depiction is symbolic of her own personal experience as an immigrant to Canada from Israel.

Goldstein said she is excited by the open dialogue her work is igniting about faith and religion and has no plans of removing the photos.

"I'm sure that Zed will not be the only spiritual leader to critique my work and to be offended by Gods Of Suburbia," she said. THANDI FLETCHER/METRO

WWII airmen honoured after bodies were found in B.C.

Canadian Forces and English Queen's Colour Squadron members carry a casket bearing the remains of four WWII airmen. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Four lost airmen have finally been laid to rest — 72 years after they disappeared while on a Second World War training mission on Vancouver Island.

A single coffin draped with the Canadian flag contained the remains of the four airmen — a Canadian sergeant and three servicemen from England — as they were honoured at a military service on Monday.

Family members, veterans and members of the 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron and the West Coast's operational Sea King squadron gathered to pay tribute to the men whose remains were discovered last year in the wreckage of their plane.

"We come together with thanksgiving and sorrow," said Royal Canadian Air Force Rev. Major Angela James.

Pilot Officer Charles George Fox, Pilot Officer Antony William Lawrence, Sgt. William Baird and Sgt. Robert Ernest Luckock disappeared on Oct. 30, 1942, James told mourners at Victoria's pastoral Royal Oak Burial Park on a crisp, sunny fall morning.

"We gather to honour these brave men today and to offer our condolences to their families," she said. "Asking God to have mercy upon their souls, we return them to the earth that they may rest in peace, their place known and their memory secure."

The men's names have been listed on the National War Memorial in Ottawa as missing, along with nearly 800 people who died in service, transport or training accidents during the Second World War and who have no known grave.

A trio of logging engineers came upon the wreckage in October 2013 while working on a remote mountainside near Port Renfrew, B.C., on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The site is barely 50 kilometres west of where the aircraft took off. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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1 Edmonton. Tears for the lost

Phil Post cries as he pays his respects to his friend, a soldier he served with, at Beechmount Cemetery in Edmonton. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

2 Winnipeg. Saluting the fallen

Winnipeg police Chief Devon Clunis salutes after laying a wreath at a service. SHANE GIBSON/METRO IN WINNIPEG

3 Toronto. A moment of silence

Torontonians gathered in remembrance at the Old City Hall Cenotaph. DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

4 Quebec City. A sorrowful sound

Canadian Army Maj. Michael Morin plays the bagpipes during a ceremony at the Cenotaph in Quebec City. JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

People place poppies at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier following the Remembrance Day ceremony at the National War Memorial in Ottawa on Tuesday.
JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

50,000 gather in Ottawa to honour Canada's vets

Remembrance Day. Huge crowd salutes Cpl. Nathan Cirillo, Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and all of nation's heroes

It was a Remembrance Day like no other for many Canadians.

Tens of thousands of people gathered at the National War Memorial in Ottawa on Tuesday, where on Oct. 22 Cpl. Nathan Cirillo was murdered by a gunman who then attacked Parliament — an assault that followed a fatal attack on Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent in Quebec two days before.

As Gov. Gen. David Johnston re-dedicated the National War Memorial, which now recognizes the mission in Afghanistan and the South African War, he paid tribute to Vincent and Cirillo, and to the many others who died and are represented by the Unknown Soldier.

"We will stand on guard for him and for them, as did Nathan Cirillo, who takes his place among them," Johnston told the crowd. "We will strive for peace and for freedom, as did Patrice Vincent, who joins them also."

The crowd was also there to honour living veterans like Ret. Sgt. Roly Armitage.

Sitting in the front row with his partner, Connie Bertrand, the Second World War veteran was thinking of Canada's two most recent losses and of his comrades from long ago.

"These two boys who have been killed in the last couple weeks, they were in uniform — they have to be prepared for that sort of thing," he said. "It's a sad, sad situation."

Armitage, 89, was a range finder with the Royal Canadian Artillery. He said he had to come to the ceremony because remembering his comrades provides him a sense of healing.

"It (makes me) feel better that I remember those guys. They're closer than your brothers. We were together all that time and we depended on each other," he said.

Remembrance Day usually attracts around 35,000 to downtown Ottawa, but police estimate this year's crowd to be about 50,000 people.

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Canadian man wanted sex with boys after near-death experience, U.S. agent alleges

A Quebec man charged in an American sting cited a near-death experience for wanting to live out his "perv" fantasy of having sex with a boy, an American special agent alleges in court documents.

In an unproven criminal complaint filed in court in Florida this week, the agent alleges Rene Roberge confessed to flying to the U.S. to have sex with a 14-year-old boy.

Roberge, 47, was arrested Sunday at the Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood airport after a flight from Montreal. He was charged with coercion and enticement of a minor to engage in sexual activity and travelling with intent to engage in illicit sexual conduct.

According to the complaint filed Monday by Vanessa Blanco, a special agent with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, American authorities began the sting a year ago on a social networking site. An undercover agent, posed as Remy, the 55-year-old father of a 13-year-old named Donnie.

Last month, a user with the handle Erick Jones — later identified as Roberge — contacted Remy, the complaint states.

Roberge, who belonged to an online chat group called "how sick and twisted are you," indicated he was looking for a dad willing to share a young boy, Blanco states.

Roberge works for TVA in Sherbrooke, Que., the broadcaster said Tuesday. A bail hearing is set for Friday with an arraignment hearing slated for Nov. 24. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Magnotta said he thought Lin was a government agent, psychiatrist says

Murder trial.
Magnotta has admitted to killing Jun Lin, but pleaded not guilty by way of mental disorder

Luka Rocco Magnotta
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Luka Rocco Magnotta believed Jun Lin was a Canadian government agent sent to kill him the night the Chinese student was slain and dismembered, a psychiatrist testified Tuesday.

Magnotta's version of events was given earlier this year to Marie-Frederique Allard, who assessed him for criminal responsibility.

Her report is central to the defence case in light of the various charges Magnotta faces related to Lin's slaying. Magnotta, 32, has admitted to killing Lin in May 2012 but has pleaded not guilty by way of mental disorder.

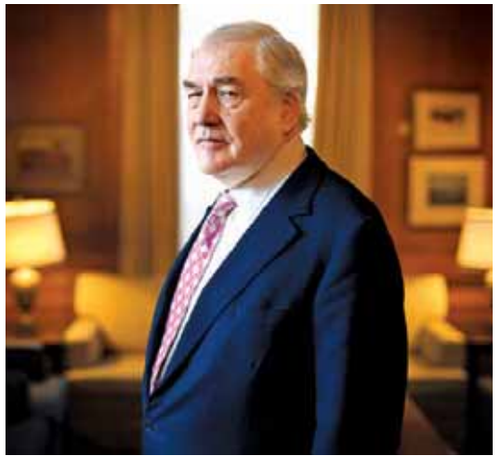
While police were never able to determine how the two men met, Allard said Magnotta told her it occurred after he placed an advertisement on Craigslist seeking a bondage partner. Lin replied and they met in person before walking several blocks to Magnotta's apartment.

The jury heard from Allard that Magnotta became anxious and took some sleep medication, with Lin asking for some. Magnotta said he thought he saw a black car parked outside his building and became paranoid about a government conspiracy involving Lin.

Allard said Magnotta began hearing voices telling him to tie up Lin and to "cut it." Subsequently, Lin had his throat cut.

Allard has said Magnotta told her that an email he sent a British tabloid foretelling the murder of a person was meant only as a threat to a journalist. The Crown contends the communication to the London Sun suggests Magnotta was planning a slaying up to six months in advance of Lin's killing.

Allard, a forensic psychiatrist, has said she believes Magnotta was suffering from schizophrenia and was in a psychosis when he killed Lin. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Ex-Canadian Conrad Black writes on history of Canada

Conrad Black poses at the University Club in Toronto on Tuesday. Black may be known for his very public and dramatic renouncement of his Canadian citizenship, but he doesn't believe that should be counted against his new 1,020-page book, Rise to Greatness: The History of Canada from the Vikings to the Present. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian jets strike ISIL artillery targets

Remembrance Day strike. Defence Minister thanks 600 men, women in uniform for their work

The Department of National Defence says Canadian fighter jets have struck another blow against Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) targets in Iraq.

A spokeswoman for Defence Minister Rob Nicholson says CF-18 fighter-bombers used a laser-guided bomb to hit an artillery position today near the city of Bayji, north of Baghdad.

Johanna Quinney says the airstrikes were being conducted in support of Iraqi forces leading localized offensives in the area.

U.S. and coalition jets have been pounding the area in recent weeks, destroying bunkers, vehicles and at least one anti-aircraft gun in recent days.

A technical briefing on the strike has been scheduled for Thursday.

In a statement, Nicholson acknowledged the fact that the strike took place on Remembrance Day, as he thanked the military personnel taking part in Canada's combat mission against ISIL.

"I commend the nearly 600 men and women in uniform for their tremendous work today in the international fight to degrade ISIL," Nicholson said.

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Royal Canadian Air Force CF-18 Hornets depart after refuelling with a KC-135 Stratotanker assigned to the 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron Thursday Oct. 30, over Iraq. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian woman. Former Israeli soldier joins Kurdish militia

Israeli media reports a Canadian-born woman who served in the Israeli military has joined a Kurdish militia fighting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

Channel 10 TV reported Tuesday that Gill Rosenberg travelled to Iraq about 10 days ago. The 31-year-old served in the Israeli military and had previously worked as a pilot in Canada, it said.

The station said she spent time in a U.S prison for her part in a phone scam.

Speaking in Hebrew to Israel Radio, she said she contacted the fighters on Facebook.

"I was with the guerrillas in the mountains for a few days and then I crossed the border," she said.

Facebook photos show pictures of her in Israeli army uniform in Jerusalem and what media said were her selfies taken in Iraq.

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Pipeline battles

New threats of U.S. lawsuits against Canadian pipeline projects

There are new threats of lawsuits against Canadian oil pipeline projects in the United States.

The legal threats suggest the election of an oil-friendly, Republican-dominated Congress hasn't put recent pipeline battles to rest.

One activist fighting the Keystone XL project in Nebraska says landowners will sue should President Barack Obama sign any pro-Keystone bill passed by the new Congress.

Jane Kleeb says the grounds for such a suit would be constitutional, and revolve around whether Congress actually has the power to pass legislation on such cross-border infrastructure. She compares it to the case currently before the Nebraska courts, which argues that the process to approve the route in that state was unconstitutional.

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Climate change

Countries paying to explore for oil they can't burn: Report

Why subsidize the search for oil and gas that we can never burn if we want to limit the damage from climate change?

That's the question asked in a new report from an environmental think-tank, which says Canada is one of the most generous countries in the G20 toward energy exploration.

"There's been virtual consensus among the scientific community that we have significantly more proven reserves than we can afford to burn and put into the atmosphere if we're going to meet the international goal for climate change," said Stephen Kretzmann, director of Oil Change International.

"The idea that we are spending, in the G20, $88 billion every year to find more reserves is kind of crazy."

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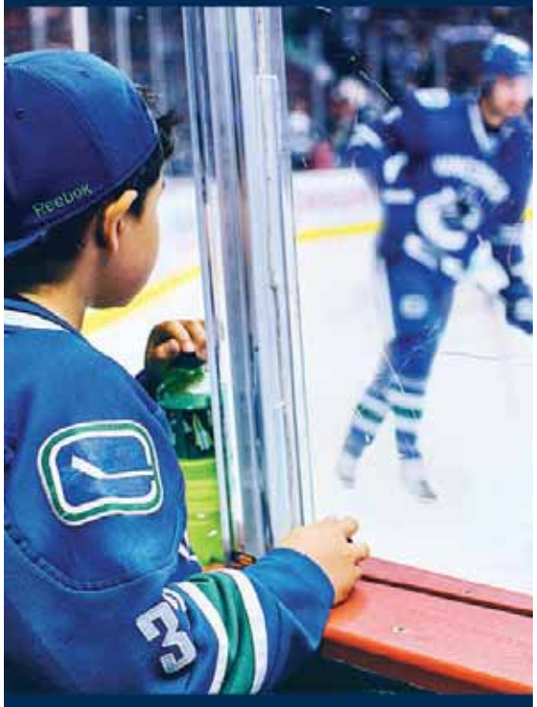
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South Korean ferry captain gets 36 years

More than 300 dead. Captain Lee Joon-seok acquitted of homicide charge, found guilty of negligence and abandoning passengers in crisis

Ferry captain Lee Joon-seok YONHAP, HYUNG MIN-WOO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Relatives of the victims of the sunken ferry Sewol cry at a gym on South Korea's southwestern island of Jindo on Tuesday, where they have been staying since the April 16 sinking. YONHAP, PARK CHUL-HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Enraged parents wept and screamed as a judge sentenced a South Korean ferry captain to 36 years in prison Tuesday for negligence and abandoning passengers when his ship sank earlier this year, killing more than 300 people, mostly high school students.

The highly anticipated verdict came on the same day officials called off searches for the final nine victims and reflects the continuing grief and finger-pointing over one of the worst disasters in South Korean history.

Victims' relatives immediately criticized the sentences for captain Lee Joon-seok and 14 other crew members as too lenient. Lee was acquitted of a homicide charge, which could have carried a death sentence, because the court said there wasn't proof that he knew his actions would cause such a massive loss of life.

"Do you know how many children are dead?" one relative shouted out during the sentencing, according to Kook Joung-don, a lawyer for the relatives. "This isn't right," another screamed.

Most of the ferry passengers were teenagers taking a school trip to a southern island, and many student survivors have said they were repeatedly ordered over a loudspeaker to stay on the sinking ship and that they didn't remember any evacuation order being given before they helped each other flee the vessel.

Lee has said he issued an evacuation order. But he told reporters days after his arrest that he withheld the evacuation order because rescuers had yet to arrive and he feared for the passengers' safety in the cold, swift waters.

An official from the Justice Ministry, who requested anonymity because of office rules, said Lee, 69, technically will be eligible for parole after serving one-third of his prison sentence.

Nearly seven months after the sinking, 295 bodies have been recovered but nine are missing. Officials said Tuesday they've ended searches because there was only a remote chance of finding more bodies.

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Quoted

"Do you know how many children are dead?"

An unnamed family member of one of the dead children shouts out during the sentencing hearing for ferry captain Lee Joon-seok.

Tricky landing

Space agency prepares for probing mission

How do you land a spacecraft on a comet that is streaking by at 66,000 kilometres an hour?

That's a problem scientists have been grappling with for more than a decade as they prepare for one of the most audacious space adventures ever — the European Space Agency's attempt to land a scientific probe on the giant ball of ice and dust known as 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko.

They'll find out Wednesday whether their plan will work when the agency's mission control centre in Darmstadt, Germany, gives its unmanned Rosetta space probe the final go-ahead to drop a lander on the comet.

The event marks the climax of Rosetta's decade-long journey to study the icy celestial bodies that have long fascinated humanity.

Scientists hope that the data collected by Rosetta and its sidekick lander, Philae, will provide insights into the origins of comets and other objects in the universe.

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India

Sterilization program deaths uncommon: Medical officer

Eight Indian women have died and 20 others were in critical condition Tuesday after undergoing sterilization surgeries in a free government-run program to help slow the country's population growth.

A total of 83 women, all poor villagers under the age of 32, had the operations Saturday in a hospital outside Bilaspur city in the central state of Chhattisgarh. All 83 surgeries were conducted within six hours, and each woman received a payment of 600 rupees, said the state's chief medical officer, Dr. S.K. Mandal.

"That is not usual," he said, declining to comment further on what might have gone wrong until autopsies are conducted on the victims.

India's government has long been concerned about the rapid growth of its population, which has reached 1.3 billion people. The country has the highest rate of sterilizations among women at 37 per cent, sitting ahead of China at 29 per cent.

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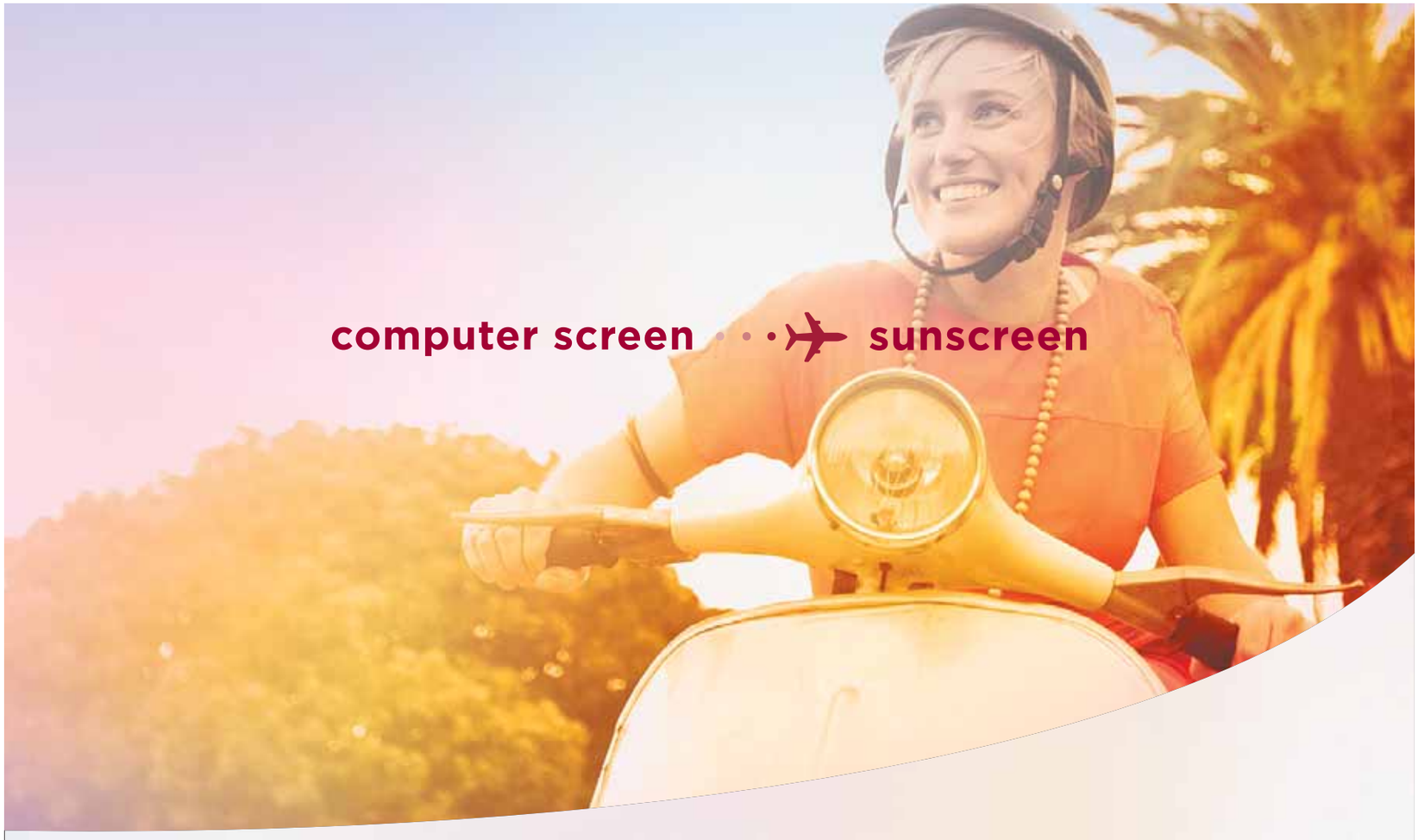

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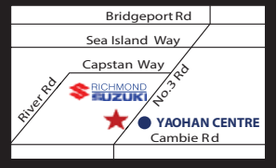

Bicyclists are forced to use the pavement passing a stretch of bicycle path where a solar panel roadway is being constructed in Krommenie, north of Amsterdam, Netherlands, on Tuesday. PETER DEJONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Follow the solar panel brick road

We welcome you to 'SolaRoad'. A small town near Amsterdam is testing out Lego-like solar panels on a path bicyclists can ride on

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The test in the town of Krommenie will cost $3.7 million US

A project dubbed "SolaRoad" gets underway in the Netherlands this week, testing roadways as a potential canvas to collect solar energy. Fittingly for the cycle-crazy Dutch, the first SolaRoad is a bike path not far from Amsterdam.

The path is built of massive, Lego-like modules of solar panels embedded in concrete, each with heavy-duty glass on top protecting them from wear. An additional rough translucent plastic coating ensures bikers don't slip.

Sten de Wit of engineering firm TNO said Tuesday each square metre of road generates 50-70 kilowatt hours of energy per year. That's about enough for the initial strip of 70 yards to supply power to one or two Dutch households.

The test in the town of Krommenie is slated to run three years and will cost three million euros ($3.7 million US), funded equally by the province of North Holland and a consortium of Dutch companies eager to commercialize solar roads.

Although using roads for solar power may seem inconvenient and costly, de Wit says it enjoys significant advantages. Most obviously, the potential generating area is all but unlimited: In the Netherlands, there are 35,000 kilometres of designated bike path alone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Would regulation kill innovation?

America. Obama aims to impose new rules on high-speed Internet service providers, but industry leaders warn that would stifle progress

Let's say President Barack Obama gets his way and high-speed Internet service providers are governed by the same U.S. regulations imposed on telephone companies 80 years ago.

Depending on whom you listen to, the rules could unleash future innovation and create jobs — or stifle innovation and kill jobs. The divisive and often confusing debate has intensified now that Obama has entered the fray.

Obama's stance is meant to protect "net neutrality," the concept that everyone with an Internet connection should have equal access to all legal content online. The idea served as one of the Internet's building blocks, but its fate has been in limbo since January, when a court ruling invalidated Federal Communications Commission guidelines designed to treat all online traffic equally.

The FCC has already been working on a new regulatory framework and is under no legal obligation to heed Obama's call. Nevertheless, Obama's opinion turns up the political heat on FCC chairman Tom Wheeler and the four other commissioners who will make the final decision. The FCC isn't under a deadline to make a decision.

Obama believes the adoption of these Depression-era rules are the best way to preserve a "free and open" Internet that gives everyone in the U.S. the same access to any website hosting legal content, including video, music, photos, social networks, email and maps.

Adopting these rules would empower the U.S. government to prevent powerful online service providers such as Comcast, Verizon and Time Warner Cable from controlling Internet traffic in a way that suits their own financial interests.

This premise assumes the service providers, if left unchecked, will create a two-tier system that funnels Internet traffic into fast and slow lanes. Only the richest companies will be able to pay the extra tolls to ensure their online content is accessible through these fast lanes, according to this hypothesis.

"It is historically important that the Internet enhances freedom for all rather than profit for a few," says Ed Black, president of the Computer & Communications Industry Association, a trade group that represents many technology companies, including Internet search leader Google Inc. and social networking leader Facebook Inc. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Against regulation

If the U.S. government becomes the Internet's traffic cop, service providers could lose incentive to continue investing in projects that improve their networks and expand into areas that have little or no high-speed access.

- This would lead to less innovation and threaten millions of jobs, according to cable and telecommunications companies spearheading the argument for little or no regulation.
- Adopting Obama's approach "would threaten millions of jobs and a diverse array of stakeholders," warned Broadband for America, an industry trade group.

Baby got (green) back

Jessica Asmar, owner of Feel Foxy, adjusts padded panties on a mannequin in the studio at her Katy, Texas, warehouse. Asmar says 2014 has been its best year since launching nearly a decade ago. Sales are up 40 per cent from a year ago. The U.S. booty business is getting a big bump, with companies cashing in on growing demand from women seeking the more curvaceous figures of their favourite stars, who flaunt their fuller rear ends. Nicki Minaj, for instance, raps about her "big fat" butt in Anaconda. Reality star Kim Kardashian posts photos of hers on Instagram. PAT SULLIVAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Haters gonna hate, hate...
Spotify's CEO trying to Shake Off all the haters

Spotify's Swedish CEO voiced disappointment Tuesday that Taylor Swift pulled her music off the popular music streaming service, denying claims it's making money "on the backs of artists."

Daniel Ek defended the service in a blog post, saying he had co-founded the platform to protect artists from piracy and had paid more than $2 billion US to music labels and publishers since 2008.

In the blog titled "$2 Billion and Counting," Ek said that piracy doesn't pay artists a penny, "nothing, zilch, zero," while Spotify's payouts for a top artist like Swift were on track "to exceed $6 million a year."

Artists complain that music streaming services and file sharing have sharply cut into album sales and that the fees Spotify pays to record labels and music publishers, with a portion eventually funneled to musicians, is too small.

Swift pulled her music from Spotify last week, meaning her songs, which were among the most streamed on the service, are no longer available to its 50 million users. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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What exactly is "country" music?

The reason I ask is that I watched the Country Music Awards the other night and whatever it was they were celebrating, it's a long way from Hank Williams, Hank Snow and all them other down-home Hanks.

I'm not sure most of the performers could find the country even with a GPS. It must be that green stuff they fly over when they're going to L.A., the current home of country music.

Of course, we've come to expect that Mammon trumps the Muse when it comes to award shows, but even the Grammys have more creative edge than the CMAs. At this year's Grammys, Sia sang her No. 1 hit Chandelier facing the wall, and never once looked into the camera. Maybe it was a protest against the homogenization of country.

Exhibit A: Carrie Underwood, country's ruling diva. With your eyes closed, I defy you to tell her from Celine Dion. Even with your eyes open, Carrie's an homage to Celine: a festival of over-the-top chest pounding, fists in the air, hair-blowing-in-the-wind-machine.

I guess you could argue that Las Vegas is in the country. And the fountain in front of the Bellagio, that's the ol' swimming hole.

Then there's the Country Group of the Year, Little Big Town. Lovely harmonies, but danged if they don't look and act like Abba with a slight twang. Is that Swedish?

Or how about Keith Urban? Of course, Keith is from Australia, where country is called the outback. He should be at the OMAs, the Outback Music Awards, held annually at Ayers Rock.

For most male country singers, the big decision seems to be "Hat? No hat?" The new generation of country music singers, e.g. the Florida Georgia Line boys or Luke Bryan, forgo the cowboy hat altogether, leaving it to their older brothers like Jason Aldean or Tim McGraw.

The size of the hat seems important. Garth Brooks, the Eminem of country music, made a rare cameo appearance at the CMAs, and Garth made sure there was no doubt about who's got the biggest hat. His was at least 10 gallons, er, 37.8541178 litres.

My wife's theory is that it depends on how much hair they have. Garth Brooks is follicularly challenged. Keith Urban has reliable hair even if he is from Oz.

If there's any doubt that what goes as country music today is as grassroots as AstroTurf, every once in a while, a real country music star wanders out onto the stage. This year's Ghosts of Actual Country Music were George Strait and Loretta Lynn. You can just tell they didn't learn their accents at the mall. You can't fake authenticity. You're either a coal miner's daughter, or you're not. Unfortunately, the two of them are about 160 years old. Both knockin' at heaven's door.

Final proof that pop culture has swallowed country and spit out the hayseeds: the inexplicable appearance of divalet Ariana Grande, that country sensation from Boca Raton, Fla., who began her career singing on cruise ships. Bon voyage, y'all.

Europe looks back a century

A Remembrance Day ceremony takes place by Paul Cummins' Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red art installation in the dry moat of the Tower of London. Each poppy represents a British and Commonwealth military fatality from WWI. Link to a related video in MetroTube, at right. KIRSTY WIGGLESWORTH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Last of 888,246 poppies 'planted' for fallen soldiers from WWI

Europe marked Armistice Day Tuesday with ceremonies and moments of silence as France opened an international memorial on a former battlefield.

This year's events had special significance because 2014 is the centenary of the start of the First World War. Tuesday marked the 96th anniversary of the armistice that ended the war on Nov. 11, 1918.

French President François Hollande inaugurated an international war memorial at Notre-Dame-de-Lorette, in northern France, in the presence of German, British and Belgian officials. The Ring of Memory carries the names of 600,000 soldiers from more than 40 countries who died in the region during the war. Names are listed alphabetically, without their nationalities.

"Yesterday's enemies, these men are now reunited in death as if they belong to the same family," said Hollande.

In Britain, thousands gathered at the Tower of London, where a blood-red sea of ceramic poppies spilled into the moat as part of an art installation paying tribute to soldiers killed in the fighting.

A 13-year-old army cadet, Harry Hayes, planted the final poppy — the last of the 888,246 glass flowers. Among the dead was Hayes' great-great-great-uncle, Pte. Patrick Kelly of the 1st Battalion, Irish Guards.

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We trust you all had a peaceful and reflective Remembrance Day yesterday, which seemed a little more poignant than most. Aside from recent attacks on soldiers in our own country, this year marked the centenary of the beginning of World War I. To mark that anniversary, Britain planted a field of ceramic poppies around the Tower of London. See the completed field from above in a drone-shot video here. (Historic Royal Palaces/YouTube)

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@metropicks asked: NBC has decided to give three of their dramas the same storyline for an episode. Which TV shows should never, ever crossover?

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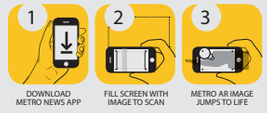

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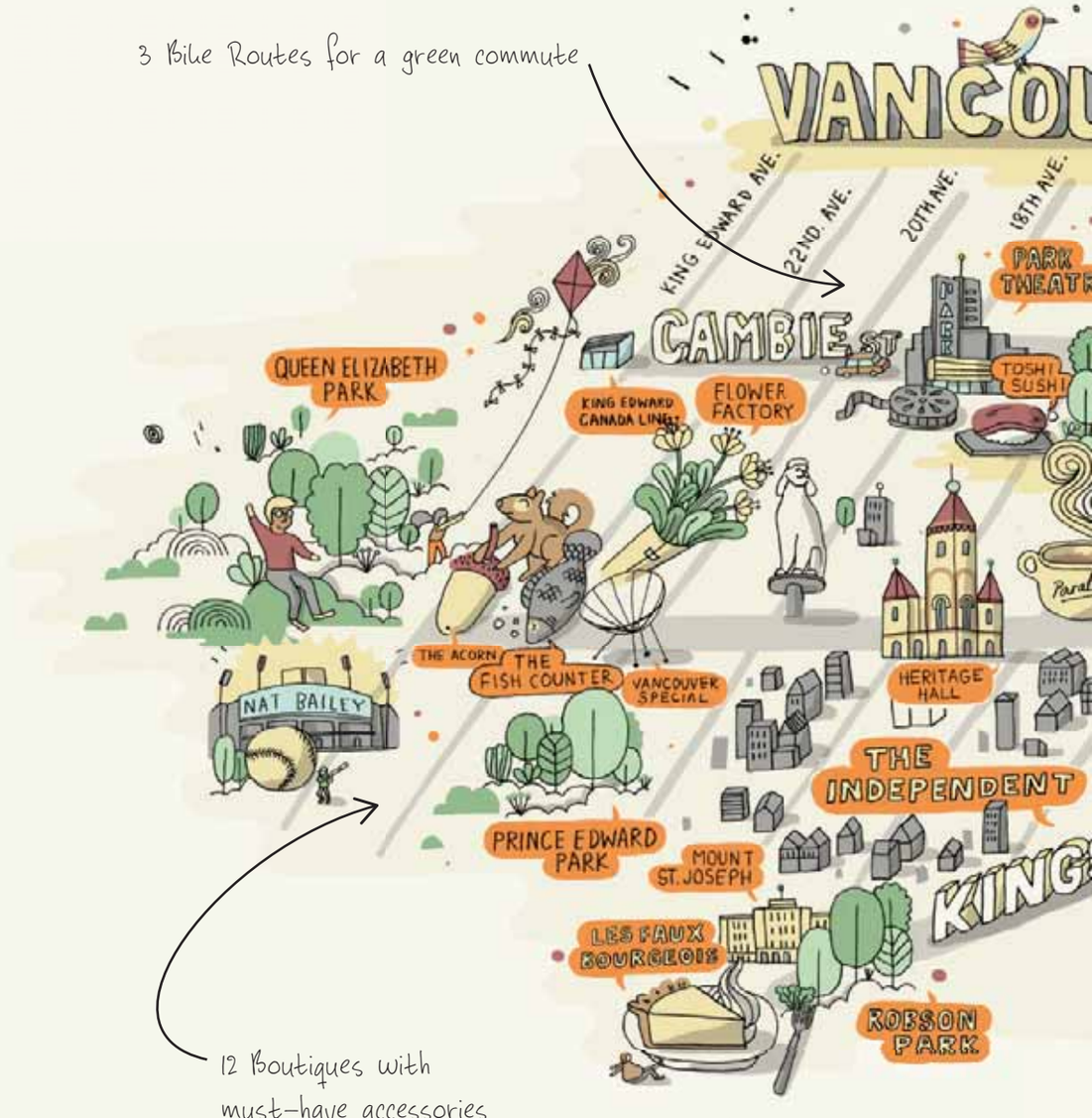

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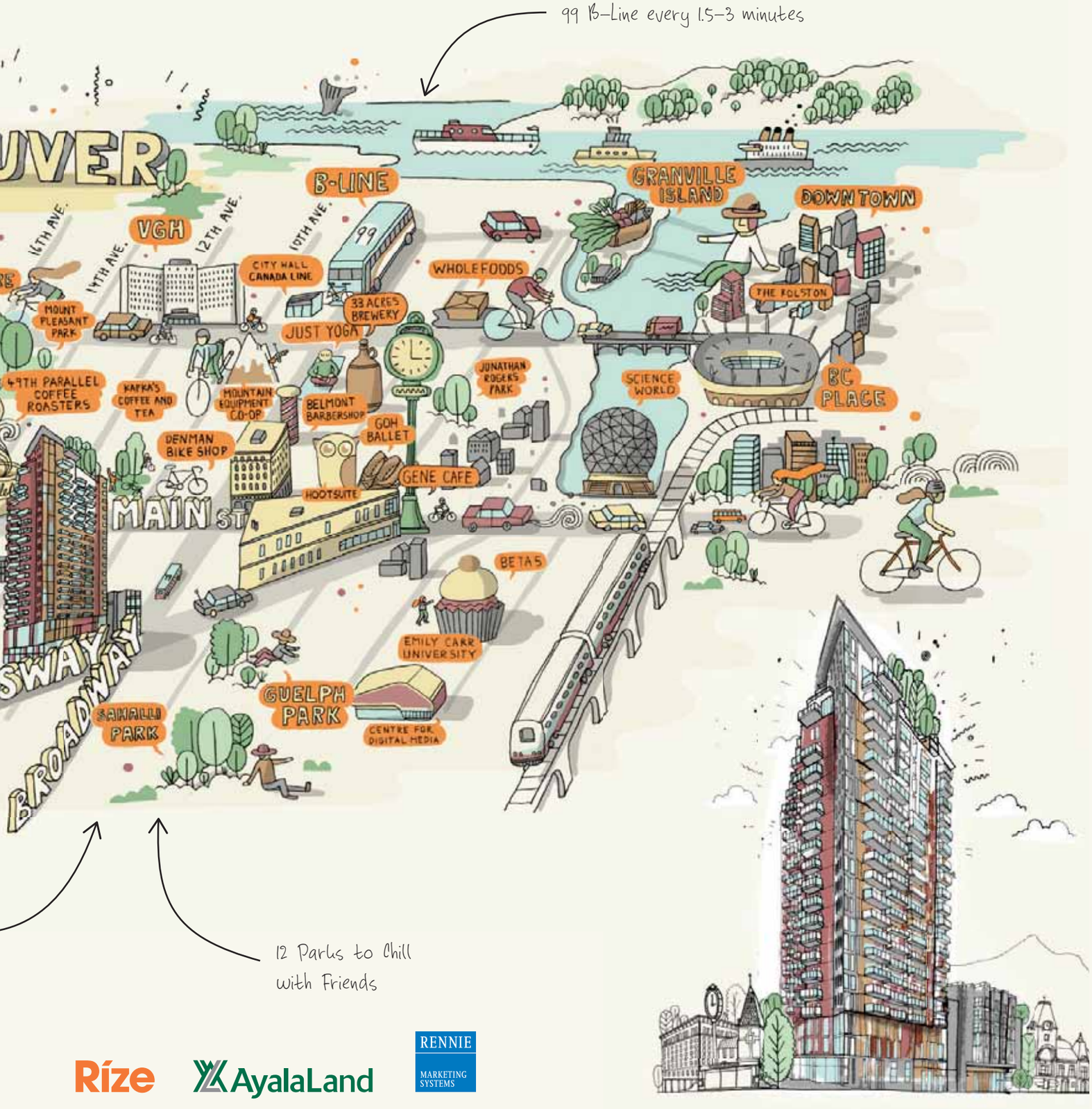

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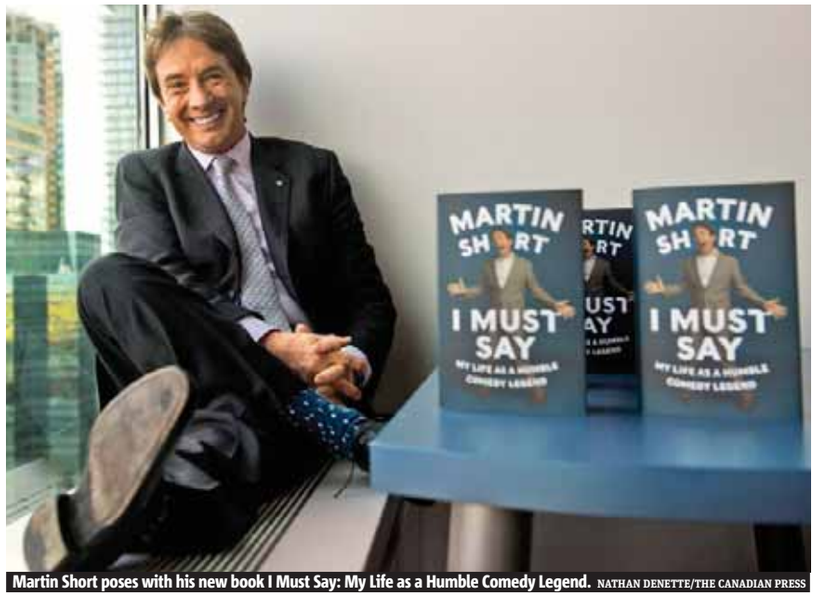
Short is humble, I must say

Books. SCTV and SNL funnyman Martin Short is philosophical about life's ups and downs



Martin Short poses with his new book I Must Say: My Life as a Humble Comedy Legend. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Martin Short says the reason he found the strength to keep going after his wife's death is simple: "We go on."

"Whatever we think it's going to be, the sun will come up, and you have to eat lunch," he said in a recent interview. "It's just life. We are all going to perish. I think we all naturally, understandably, live in denial of that."

Short, 64, reflects on both comedy and tragedy in his new memoir, I Must Say: My Life as a Humble Comedy Legend. The book details his journey to the top, from his early years as a member of Toronto's Second City improv troupe to the set of Saturday Night Live and to the big screen in films including Father of the Bride.

He writes that the death of his beloved wife of 30 years, Nancy Dolman, in 2010 is "by far the most awful thing I've been through." But he says he found strength for the sake of his three adult children. The night before Nancy died, Short told his youngest son Henry, "This will make you stronger. This will make you more determined."

"If I had no children, maybe I could have said, 'You know what? That's it for a public life,'" Short said. "But I have three kids, so they look to you to see what's the next step. 'Do we still have a family? Are we still a united front?' It's up to papa to make sure."

Short recalled throwing himself into work in the time after his wife's death. In a notorious episode of the Today show in March 2012, host Kathie Lee Gifford asked Short about his "great" marriage, apparently unaware Nancy had died.

He addresses the incident in his book, saying he has never felt any malice toward Gifford for the gaffe. "Besides, Kathie Lee wasn't wrong," he writes. "Nan and I did have one of the greatest marriages in show business."

While growing up in Hamilton, Ont., Short's four older siblings and both parents were constantly cracking jokes. "It was trickle-down funny," he said.

But his youth was marked by loss as well. When Short was 12, his eldest brother David died in a car accident. Then when he was 17, his mother died of cancer, and two years later, his father died of complications from a stroke.

Short said writing about painful memories wasn't necessarily "cathartic."

"I remember everything. I've lived with everything. So there were no surprises," he said. "What you don't know when you start is how open you're going to be: what you're going to tell, what you're not going to tell, what you feel comfortable telling.

"As you write it, you start to realize that it can't be a bunch of anecdotes about funny things that happened when I met Richard Burton. It has to have a little depth and understanding. That's why you write the book, because you gained wisdom in life and maybe you can give some of that wisdom to other people."

He recalled that in his early days, he quickly learned he had to know how to do everything — act, sing, dance, be funny — to succeed. Short eventually landed at Second City before joining the cast of SCTV in 1982.

The atmosphere at SCTV was harmonious because his castmates Joe Flaherty, Eugene Levy and Andrea Martin, among others, were so talented, he said.

"Usually the people who aren't the talented ones are the ones who become the most temperamental," said Short. "SCTV was that good. They didn't need to throw tantrums."

These days Short is still a sought-after film and stage actor. He has a role in Paul Thomas Anderson's upcoming film Inherent Vice, and will replace Nathan Lane in It's Only a Play on Broadway in January.

But for all his success, Short acknowledged he has never had a long-running sitcom or a box-office smash (apart from the Father of the Bride movies). He said that's never bothered him much, however.

"Well, you weren't thrilled when your film Innerspace didn't go through the roof, but I've never been drawn toward negative energy. So you take it in, you go, 'Hmm,' but then you go for a swim or something," he said. "It didn't make sense to wring your hands too long. I mean, prick me and I bleed, but then I put a bandage on."

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Ed Grimley as marriage counsellor

In 1984 Short joined Saturday Night Live, where his excitable man-child character Ed Grimley became a standout.

- He reveals in the book that spiky-haired Ed was not only beloved to fans, but also had a special place in his marriage.
- "If we were having a fight and I wasn't backing down, she'd say, 'I don't want to talk to you anymore, I want to talk to Ed,'" he recalled.
- Then adopting Ed's gushing voice: "'Oh Miss Nancy, can you believe how stubborn he is? He's so self-absorbed and desperate and doesn't appreciate how beautiful you are, I must say.'"

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Looking for gossip in a song is just 'sad'

Tabloid blogs are trying to use Leighton Meester's lyrics as a gossipy peek into her private life. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Music. Leighton Meester wishes people would take their own experiences out of her songs on Heartstrings

Leighton Meester's rootsy redesign Heartstrings offers a much clearer look at the actress-musician-model than her prior forays into glossy pop — and naturally, tabloid blogs are trying to use her lyrics for a gossipy peek into her private life.

In particular, the album's Fleetwood Mac-reminiscent title track inspired a round of articles speculating on which ex might have been Meester's inspiration, replete with thoughtful breakdowns.

The 28-year-old Meester, who has protected her privacy more carefully than many young stars, said she didn't intentionally obfuscate details in her songwriting to avoid this scenario. But she finds such lyrical sleuthing a bit uncomfortable, not to mention inaccurate.

"That's sort of what takes a bit of joy out of this process — it's all beautifully positive, but you know for people to focus on that would really be sort of sad, because I think they're missing out on their own experience," the former Gossip Girl star said in a telephone interview this week.

"That's what those people are built to do, and they're going to do it, I suppose. But (the lyrics are) truly not specific enough. It's just me and my feelings and my experiences and my heart. And truly, no one song is about any particular experience. It's really just sort of the culmination and the piling up of experiences."

Long time coming

Meester took more than two years to work on the songs on Heartstrings, while continuing a film career and spending four months performing Of Mice and Men opposite James Franco and Chris O'Dowd on Broadway.

And yet, Meester says the musing-on-muses phenomenon — of course also a Taylor Swift-related tradition — extends beyond the blogs.

"One thing that's strange is to say (live): 'I wrote this song about a breakup.' And then I can hear people in the crowd going, 'Who is it?' 'Who's she talking about?' First of all, that's not the point," Meester said. "And also ... I'm sure people deal with this all the time but it reduces it in a way that I don't like.

"It's so strange and sad to try to link these (songs) to a Hollywood hunk. It's sort of sidelining I suppose my actual message or accomplishment."

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Spider-Man spinoff has aunt in its plans

Sally Field

Want a clear indication that comic book movies are officially getting out of hand? How about the rumour that Sony is working on a Spider-Man spinoff film about Aunt May, his elderly guardian played by Sally Field in the current incarnation of the franchise? Now, Sally Field won't be in this one, necessarily, as the rumoured film will be an "espionage story" that takes place when she's younger, before Peter Parker ends up under her roof. I don't remember Aunt May being a spy before settling down in Queens to frown and fret all the time, but then I don't really remember anything about Aunt May's past from the comics, so why not? Oh right, because it's a terrible idea.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Lindsay ready to say so long London town, hello New York City

Lindsay Lohan ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Just giving you fair warning, New York: Lindsay Lohan is feeling "homesick" and is headed back our way.

Lohan will reportedly move back to New York City once her run in the West End production of Speed-the-Plow wraps up, according to Radar Online.

"She never intended on staying in London forever. She does love it there and has made some great friends in London, but N.Y.C. will always be her home."

She's also apparently "shopping around" for a new place downtown.

On the bright side, I think this means New York is about to get edgy again, right?

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The Word

JLaw once scorned, now Twitter shy

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Great job, haters. You've gone and scared off Jennifer Lawrence.

The Hunger Games star insists she's got a firm anti-social media stance, and it's all because you couldn't play nice.

"The Internet has scorned me so much that I feel like it's that girl in high school that I'm like, 'Oh, you want to talk about her? Yeah I'll do that!' Take my hoops off, I'm ready to go," she says in a BBC radio interview.

But it's not just scorn that's keeping her away. Lawrence thinks she just can't handle Twitter. "I don't really understand what it is. It's like this weird enigma that people talk about. It's fine, I respect that, but no, I'll never get a Twitter," she says.

Aw, she says "a Twitter" just like my 72-year-old aunt. That's adorable.

"If you ever see a Facebook, Instagram or Twitter that says it's me, it most certainly is not." Maybe someone should tell her about her official Facebook page, then.

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5. Check to see if the country you're visiting requires a visa.
6. Always travel with a bit of currency of the country you're visiting.
7. Research your trip at home, rather than in the hotel. **DOUG WALLACE**

New

Sunrise Kempinski Hotel, Beijing

Yanqi Lake, China, sets the stage for this staggering new 306-room hotel, which opens next week. Ten thousand pieces of glass make up the exterior, reflecting sky, mountains and water. Highlights include lush gardens and a private marina with an electronic boat. The 14-square-kilometre area is actually a hotel "community" that includes the Sunrise, the Yanqi Hotel (with 111 rooms) and 12 smaller boutique hotels on Yanqi Island. Visit kempinski.com/beijingyanquilake. **TEXT AND PHOTO: DOUG WALLACE**

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Catch Mary Pratt's work in Halifax this winter

Visitors to Halifax have until the end of February to enjoy a rare retrospective on the artwork of Mary Pratt, one of Canada's finest still-life painters. The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Atlantic Canada's largest art museum, is the final venue for the exhibition, which drew record crowds at galleries in Newfoundland, Ontario and Saskatchewan. Pratt's paintings typically deal with images of domestic life, but the stunning, almost stark, realism she brings to simple, everyday objects create what one critic has described as a "sense of wonder and occasional unease." Describing herself as a "realist painter," Pratt has said: "My only strength is finding something where most people would find nothing." The exhibition also features video vignettes, audio recordings and written descriptions of each painting from Pratt.
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Nova Scotia, one bowl of chowder at a time

Chowder Trail. Have a hankering for something hearty? Check out one of the 60 featured chowders on this culinary trek

There are plenty of ways to make seafood chowder. In Nova Scotia, there's also no shortage of places to try it out.

At the Salt Shaker Deli in Lunenburg, it's done with scallops, mussels, shrimp and smoked haddock. Le Caveau, a restaurant at the Domaine de Grand Pré winery in Grand Pré, serves its lobster and scallop chowder in a Spanish almond broth with spring onions and smoked paprika on top.

Sixty chowders across the province are featured in the 2014 edition of Nova Scotia's Chowder Trail, almost double last year's number, said Christine White, a spokesperson for Taste of Nova Scotia, the organization behind the idea, now in its third year.

"What makes the Chowder Trail unique is that every chowder is different," she said, adding it's a great way "to taste your way around the province."

And when it comes to seafood chowder, there are strong personal preferences.

"If you ask people what their favourite chowder is, you'll get all different answers," White said. "For some people, it has to be creamy and thick. Other people don't like potatoes in it. For others it's not a chowder if it doesn't have potatoes, lobster and mussels in it."

At a chowder cook-off this year, featuring some of the restaurants on the trail, chef Thomas Carey of Pictou Lodge Beach Resort was named champion for a concoction that included double-smoked bacon, Nova Scotia mussels, fresh Atlantic scallops, haddock and fresh chopped tarragon.

Mark Gabrieau of Gabrieau's Bistro in Antigonish came in second, and Craig Flinn of Chives Canadian Bistro in Halifax was third.

A cookbook highlighting recipes for some of the trail chowders was published earlier this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

There are myriad ways to make chowder in Nova Scotia — scallops, mussels, shrimp, almond broth and smoked paprika are some of the possible ingredients.Try them all on Nova Scotia's Chowder Trail. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

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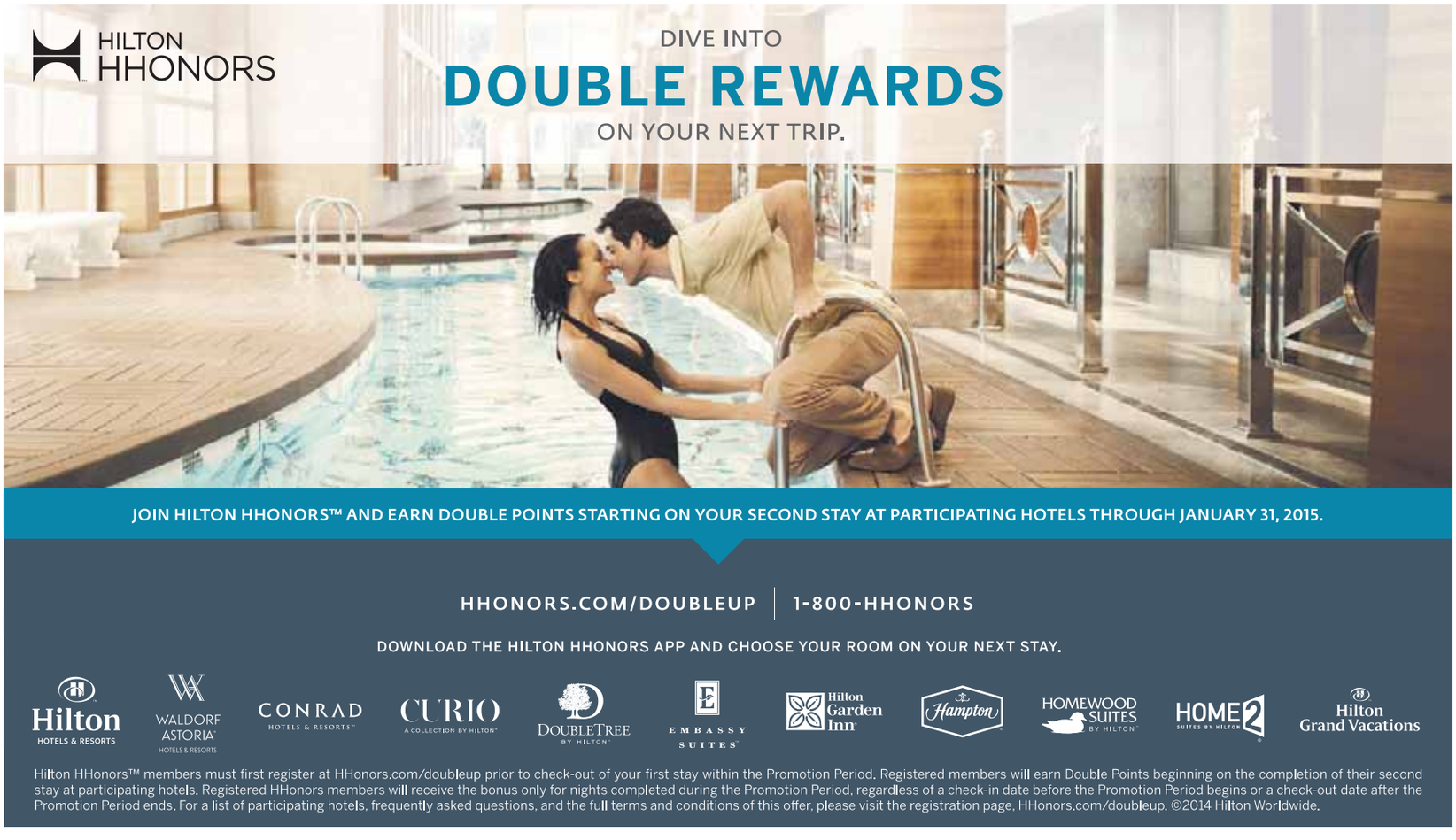
Christine White, spokesperson for Taste of Nova Scotia

If you go...

A map of eateries on Nova Scotia's Chowder trail is available at tasteofnovascotia.com/the-chowder-trail.

Want to try one of the recipes at home? Visit http://bit.ly/1lLUKZH for Thomas Carey's double-smoked bacon chowder.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The new kid in town could turn this place around

Career. A former tech executive argues that new employees are the key to innovation

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Metro in New York City

The first few months of a job are often filled with stress as you navigate through a sea of new faces, rules and challenges. But a new book argues that being the new kid on the block in a startup company or burgeoning field can also lead to increased creativity and some of the best moments of your career.

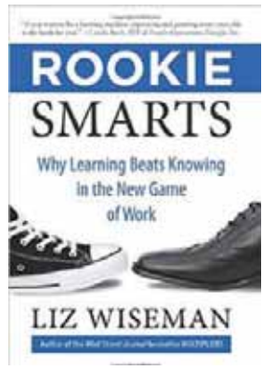
"When we're in this rookie mode is when we tend to do our very best work," says Liz Wiseman, the author of the book Rookie Smarts: Why Learning Beats Knowing in the New Game of Work. "There's brilliance in it. A rookie move isn't a mistake or a disaster but is actually something that is innovative."

Wiseman says that companies and managers should adjust the way they look at career changers and new employees. "Rookies come in without the mentality that it will take years of paying their dues before they can contribute and they tend to work a lot faster," she notes.

Here are some things real-life rookies should keep in mind as they navigate the workplace.

Age is just a number

"It's never too late to be a rookie," stresses Wiseman. "Professionals who are able to use their hard-won experience but are still able to tap into their rookie smarts will build a culture of innovation."



There is no honeymoon period

"Rather than be nervous, (realize) that this is where you are going to do your best work," says Wiseman. "Instead of seeing those first six months as a write-off and kind of being in learning mode and not being expected to contribute, actually the first six months is when people are valuable."

Ask smart questions

"Start reaching out to people who know (the lay of the land)," says Wiseman. "And that humble request for help is likely to kick in somebody's mentoring genes."

Oftentimes, says Wiseman, it's during the rookie period that people find a strong network of colleagues who will vouch for them down the line.

Don't be arrogant

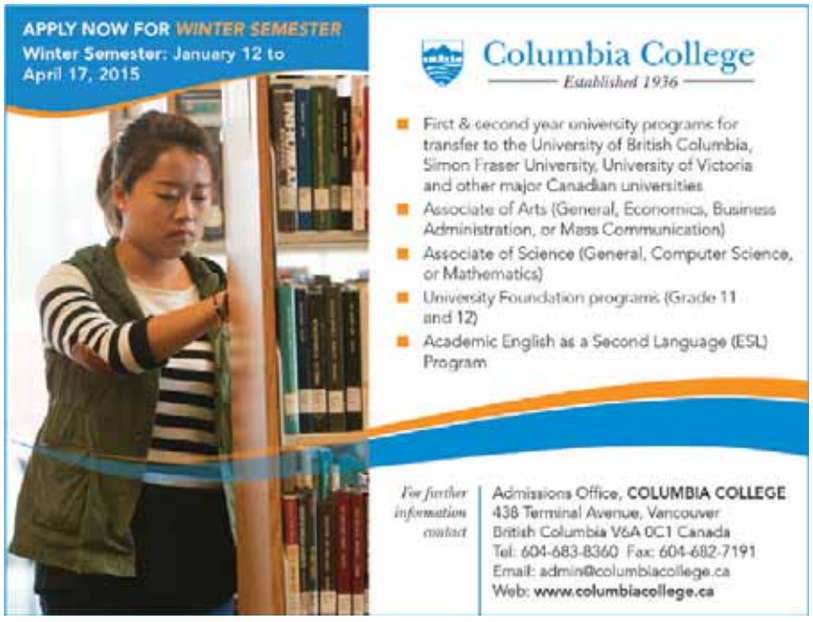
No one has made friends by bluntly criticizing the way things are done. "I think approaching anything by saying 'I have a better way' is not going to go over well," Wiseman notes.

"I think the best approach, the humbler approach, is to think 'What can I learn from you? What can you teach me?' and then just deliver fast and I think just show them." A willingness to learn from your colleagues goes a long way.

Build a record of success

"You have to show you have a track record of success in rookie assignments," says Wiseman. "If you could show a trend of that, hiring managers will see that what you have is learning agility."

Developing an ability to think quickly on your feet is key to success. As Wiseman notes, "learning agility is forever; skills are ephemeral."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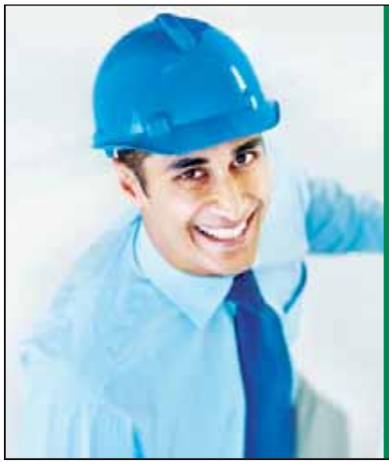
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Gain some speed in the modern rat race

Career. Use these four strategies to show the world that you're serious about success

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Staying competitive in today's tough job market takes hard work. In addition to making you more desirable as an employee, the following four steps should also give you the satisfaction of knowing that you're doing everything you can to set yourself up for success in your career.

Professional development
This term might have sounded vague and slightly ominous when you were in school, but there's a reason it gets tossed around so much. It's incredibly important to continuously learn about your profession and what makes someone good at it. There are always new technologies, strategies and work methods emerging in any given field. Professional development (e.g. workshops, courses, training programs or online webinars) will help you to stay on top of best practices and give you a chance to learn from the pros.

Networking
Building up a professional network is great, whether you're thinking about future job prospects, wanting to learn from those who have gone before you or if you just enjoy meeting new people.

If there aren't any networking events in your area that you can attend, try reaching out to people who have worked at your company for a while to see if you can buy them lunch or a coffee and ask them about their careers. Or you can contact people who around your age or those who are working in similar positions at other companies to see if they're interested in getting together to chat about any work-related challenges you're all facing. Together, you could brainstorm some great potential solutions.

Volunteering
Volunteering is beneficial at any stage of your life or career. Signing up to volunteer at an organization you're interested in is an excellent way to give back to your community, learn new skills and meet some amazing people.

You may discover an interest you didn't know you had or learn that you don't actually like a particular line of work as much as you thought you might. And of course, volunteer positions look great on a CV.

Find a mentor

Finding a mentor doesn't have to require a huge commitment or be a formal and demanding relationship.

- **It's mainly about having someone you can talk to — whether it's a boss, colleague or friend — who has more experience than you and who is willing to share their tricks of the trade.** Everyone needs a bit of guidance sometimes and thankfully there are many people out there who are willing to pass on what they've learned to those who are just starting out.

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November is the time to enjoy some sports. Whether you are playing, coaching, watching or cheering in the background, there are a lot of awesome sports on.

With the variety of great games, you may want to invite friends over to watch and enjoy some tasty hot snacks like these. You'll see just how filling these snacks can be paired with some veggie sticks, nachos and salsa.

Eating in and enjoying small bites like these for dinner is a fun way to get together with friends and change up the everyday.

Ingredients

Creamy Hot Crab Dip
- 1 pkg (8 oz/250 g) cream cheese
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) each sour cream and mayonnaise
- 1 box (7 oz) frozen snow crab meat, thawed and squeezed dry
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) finely grated lemon rind
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon juice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) hot pepper sauce
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) chopped fresh chives or parsley

Nacho Appetizer Meatballs
- 1 small onion, peeled, grated
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) medium salsa
- 1 tsp (5 ml) Worcestershire sauce
- Pinch ground black pepper
- 2 cups (500 ml) bite size tortilla chips, crushed to make 1 cup (250 ml)
- 1 lb (500 g) extra lean ground beef
- Pretzel sticks
- Salsa, sour cream or nacho cheese sauce (optional)

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Creamy Hot Crab Dip

With a fresh burst of lemon rind and juice, this dip is perfect served up in a fondue pot or a small slow cooker. Lots of crackers, pretzel sticks or baguette slices are ideal dippers.

1. In a saucepan, combine the cream cheese, sour cream, mayonnaise, crab meat and garlic. Heat over low heat, stirring until the mixture is creamy and combined well.

2. Stir in lemon rind, juice, Worcestershire and hot pepper sauces.

3. Scrape into fondue pot or slow cooker to keep warm. Sprinkle with chives.

Nacho Appetizer Meatballs

These bite-size meatballs taste like nachos! Using tortilla chips and salsa adds great flavour and you can keep them warm in a slow cooker on low or simply heat them up when you need them. Serve with more salsa, sour cream or nacho cheese sauce to dip.

1. In a large bowl, stir together onion, egg, salsa, Worcestershire sauce and pepper. Stir in crushed tortilla chips and let stand for 10 minutes to soften. Mix in beef until well combined.

2. Using level tablespoon (15 ml) roll mixture into balls and place onto foil lined baking sheet. Place baking sheet 6 inches (15 cm) under broiler on High and broil for about 10 minutes, turning pan if necessary to cook evenly until golden and no longer pink inside.

3. Pierce pretzel stick in each meatball to serve. Serve with salsa, sour cream or nacho cheese sauce if desired.

The crab dip recipes makes 2 1/3 cups (575 ml). The meatball recipe makes about 38 meatballs. EMILY RICHARDS

CFL

Lions set to welcome Bighill back on defence

Eight days after the B.C. Lions announced Adam Bighill had undergone surgery on a fractured bone in his left hand, the punishing linebacker was back at practice.

This, after all, is playoff football.

Bighill had his left hand in a cast, but is expected to play Sunday when the Lions, by virtue of the crossover, take on the Montreal Alouettes in the East Division semifinal.

The return of Bighill would put him back alongside Solomon Elimimian, who set the new CFL single-season record for tackles, and reunite that fierce linebacker duo in the B.C. defence.

Bighill said the doctor told him that he will be good to go against the Alouettes.

"With Adam, considering the athlete he is, I don't think it's going to affect him," head coach Mike Benevides said Tuesday.

Despite a slow start, the Alouettes suddenly came to life late in the summer. They go into the playoffs with eight wins in their last 10 games.

Even though Travis Lulay was added to the 46-man roster Monday, all signs point to quarterback Kevin Glenn getting the start for B.C.

Lulay, who is still working his way back from another right shoulder injury, threw the ball at practice but Glenn took first-team reps.

"But I think it's clear that Kevin has the opportunity right now," said Benevides. CAM TUCKER/METRO

Sedins' twin magic buries Sens in OT

NHL. Canucks cough up lead three times but Daniel scores in extra time for the win

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Preface this with the standard, "Yeah, it's still early, though," but the Vancouver Canucks are tied with the Tampa Bay Lightning atop the NHL standings in points.

Yes, it's only the middle of November, a little more than a full month in the grinding 82-game schedule. Not even a quarter of the season is complete.

And, after going 3-1 on a four-game road trip that included a tour of California, the Canucks had their hands full with a pesky Ottawa Senators team at Rogers Arena on Tuesday.

After coughing up three different leads, the Canucks finally put the Senators away.

It took a beauty in overtime to get the two points, in a 4-3 victory for Vancouver.

Henrik Sedin, who had passed up a chance to shoot earlier in the game to try and set up his brother, Daniel, did the same in the extra period, only this time it amounted to the winning goal.

Henrik found his brother with a crisp cross-ice pass and Daniel fired away to beat Ottawa goaltender Craig Anderson, who had been spectacular for most of the night.

Senators goalie Craig Anderson tries to clear Canucks left-winger Alex Burrows from his goal crease at Rogers Arena on Tuesday night. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

On Tuesday

Canucks	Senators
4	3

Earlier in the overtime, Anderson robbed Chris Higgins in close to give Ottawa a chance for the win.

That was until the Sedin twins did their thing.

Shawn Matthias, Alex Burrows and Kevin Bieksa also scored for Vancouver.

Vancouver's goalie Ryan Miller made 21 saves for his 11th win of the season.

It was an impressive performance for a team coming back from the road, where four of a possible six points in California surely gave them some confidence.

The Canucks will take on the Arizona Coyotes on Friday. The puck will drop at 7 p.m. at Rogers Arena.

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Raptors claw back to overcome Magic

Second unit rocks.
Trailing most of the game, Raps surge to stay perfect at home

Having just given up a three-pointer and trailing by 11 points late in the first half, Toronto Raptors coach Dwane Casey called a timeout. Kyle Lowry took the ball and spiked it hard to the ground in frustration.

Lowry drew on that frustration, and, coupled with a huge fourth-quarter effort by Toronto's second unit, lifted the Raptors to a 104-100 victory Tuesday over the Orlando Magic, extending their Eastern Conference-best record to 7-1. They're a perfect 5-0 at the Air Canada Centre.

"Down the stretch in that fourth quarter, we were able to get stops when we needed stops and Kyle put the team on his back and was that leader out there that we needed, ran the team and set up the offensive plays, and we were able to hit shots," Patrick Patterson said.

Lou Williams scored a quick eight points in the fourth quarter to key the Raptors' win over Orlando on Tuesday in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

On a night that saw Toronto trail almost the entire game, a key sequence down the stretch saw Lowry feed James Johnson for a running dunk, grab two rebounds, then draw a foul and drain two free throws to give the Raptors a three-point lead with a minute to play.

Lowry would finish with 19 points while Terrence Ross poured in 17 more, and DeMar DeRozan added 16.

Johnson came off the bench to grab a game-high 10 rebounds, while Lou Williams scored eight of his 14 points in the fourth, and Patterson had nine of his 12 points in the final quarter.

Lowry credited the second unit with the win.

"We lean on each other," he said. "Tonight we tip our hats to Lou, Greivis (Vasquez), J.J., Pat.

"Their intensity, their defensive pressure," he added, when asked how they changed the game. "They really got into them, got into the ball. They stuck to the game plan to a T." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Raonic hanging on a thread

Milos Raonic, right, shakes hands after his loss to Andy Murray, which left him almost eliminated in the ATP Finals in London Tuesday. Scan the image with your Metro News app for more action from the year-end tournament. ADRIAN DENNIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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Apparently hit the boards

McDavid out after punch backfires

Erie Otters star forward Connor McDavid, touted as first overall in next year's NHL draft, is out indefinitely after injuring his right hand in a fight during an Ontario Hockey League game Tuesday.

McDavid had a goal before leaving a 4-0 win over the Mississauga Steelheads.

The injury came in a fight with Mississauga's Bryson Cianfrone in the second period. The 17-year-old centre appeared to slam his fist into the boards after missing Cianfrone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Honours. Williams tops NL, Showalter best in AL

Baltimore's Buck Showalter was voted AL Manager of the Year for the third time on Tuesday, and Washington's Matt Williams won the NL honour following his first season as a big-league skipper.

Showalter received 25 of 30 first-place votes and 132 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He kept up his pattern of winning the award once a decade following victories with the New York Yankees in 1994 and Texas in 2004.

"I won't be doing it 10 years from now," Showalter said on the MLB Network telecast.

Williams guided the Nationals to an NL-best 96 wins. He joined Houston's Hal Lanier (1986), San Francisco's Dusty Baker (1993) and Florida's Joe Girardi (2006) as the only men to win the award for their first seasons as a big-league manager. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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2015 Volkswagen Jetta

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan
- **Engines.** 2.0-litre I4 (115 hp), 2.0-litre I4 diesel (140), 1.8-litre I4 turbo (170)
- **Transmissions.** Five-speed manual, 6-speed automatic, 6-speed DSG automatic
- **Price.** $16,385 base, $29,785 as tested

Market position

Previously a premium compact, new generation in 2011 repositioned Jetta as one of the regular compact guys in an effort to boost sales. It worked, but Jetta still trails the perennial chart-toppers: Honda Civic, Hyundai Elantra, Toyota Corolla, and Mazda3. Bigger than most, especially in trunk volume.

Points

- Mid-cycle revisions for 2015 include a new Passat-like front fascia, with bi-xenon and LED lighting, and active grille shutters.
- Built in Mexico, on same platform as Golf.
- Three very different engine offerings: a venerable and durable 2.0-litre, a new and smooth 1.8-litre turbo with direct injection, or a new and very advanced TDI (diesel).

Volkswagen has upgraded the Jetta's comfortable interior.

Interesting features

LED lights in headlamp cluster activate when turning corners, to widen your lighting path by 13 more degrees. New standard rear-view camera concealed in trunk latch. New optional safety systems include blind-spot detection, cross-traffic alert, and crash-response system, which alert the driver to take action.

Performance trumps looks

Review. Jetta's style won't get young fans swooning, but its silky smooth ride will have many drivers crooning

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Some nameplates present a consistent personality to the world through every generational overhaul. Volkswagen's Jetta is not one of them.

Originally a tidy, premium compact, with a European and sporty flavour, it became a more mainstream North American product back in 2011, with an overhaul that made it larger and less premium.

This was done to bring it more into line with its rivals. But those rivals have been going the other way — offering more premium styling, performance, comfort and features. So VW has updated Jetta with a more sophisticated rear suspension and better brakes. As a result, its on-road dynamics are now a positive feature.

It also got a great new engine option last year: the 1.8-litre TSI four-cylinder with direct injection and turbocharging. This engine is silky smooth and powerful, and offers very decent fuel economy.

The 2015 Jetta is also the first model to offer VW's new 2.0-litre TDI diesel engine.

Other changes include new front and rear styling updates — including optional headlamp clusters with banks of LEDs that have the ability to shed light around the corner you're entering.

The exterior changes won't transform Jetta into an object of vehicle lust — few young auto fans hang posters of Jettas on their bedroom walls. But the chunky and upright body design is very good at other things — like outward visibility and the ability to carry five people in top comfort. Jetta's trunk also continues to be the largest in this class.

VW has also been gradually upgrading the low-rent interior, which was part of that 2011 redesign. For 2015, a back-up camera is now standard, and buyers can choose to upgrade the cabin with soft-touch materials, ambient lighting, piano-black accents, and a two-tone treatment (ceramique and titan black).

It's an entirely comfortable place, with intuitive switchgear, but it remains a step behind competitors in connectivity and infotainment. For instance, there is no USB port.

The automatic transmission paired with the 1.8 TSI engine is a conventional six-speed, while the TDI is paired with a DSG automatic.

The overall refinement of the TSI pairing greatly contributed to a premium feel, as did the seats.

Overall, I give the 2015 VW Jetta an enthusiastic vote of approval.

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To be clear, that's just the last coat of paint

Driving Force. The shiny surface of modern vehicles is composed of several layers of paints and protective materials

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From the initial electrostatic coating to the final clear coat over the paint, a vehicle's finish can be many layers deep. FORD

People commonly say a car has a "coat of paint," but there's a lot more to it than that. That shiny surface is actually several separate coats, all of which add special properties to the final finish.

"When you look at a car, what you're typically touching and feeling on the majority of them is clear coat," says Bill Suzuki, technical service representative for 3M's automotive aftermarket division. "It's a clear paint that's made to enhance the gloss of the colour and maintain better UV stability to guard against dulling."

Steel for the car's body comes into the factory already galvanized, but the automaker will add an electrostatic coating, "which is the primary defence against the steel corroding," Suzuki says.

The next coat is primer. It provides some protection itself, but its main purpose is to create a uniform surface for the paint.

Some of the car's lower parts, such as the rockers under the doors, may be sprayed with a rubberized undercoating that's known as rock guard. Applied over the primer, but under the paint, it helps protect the car from rocks and gravel thrown up by the wheels.

The next stage is the paint, which gives the car its colour. On older vehicles, this used to be the final coat. It was known as single-stage paint and it gave the car both its colour and its glossy finish, but was prone to oxidation and weathering.

On a hot day, especially with red paint that was a few years old and oxidized, touching the car could often stain your hand.

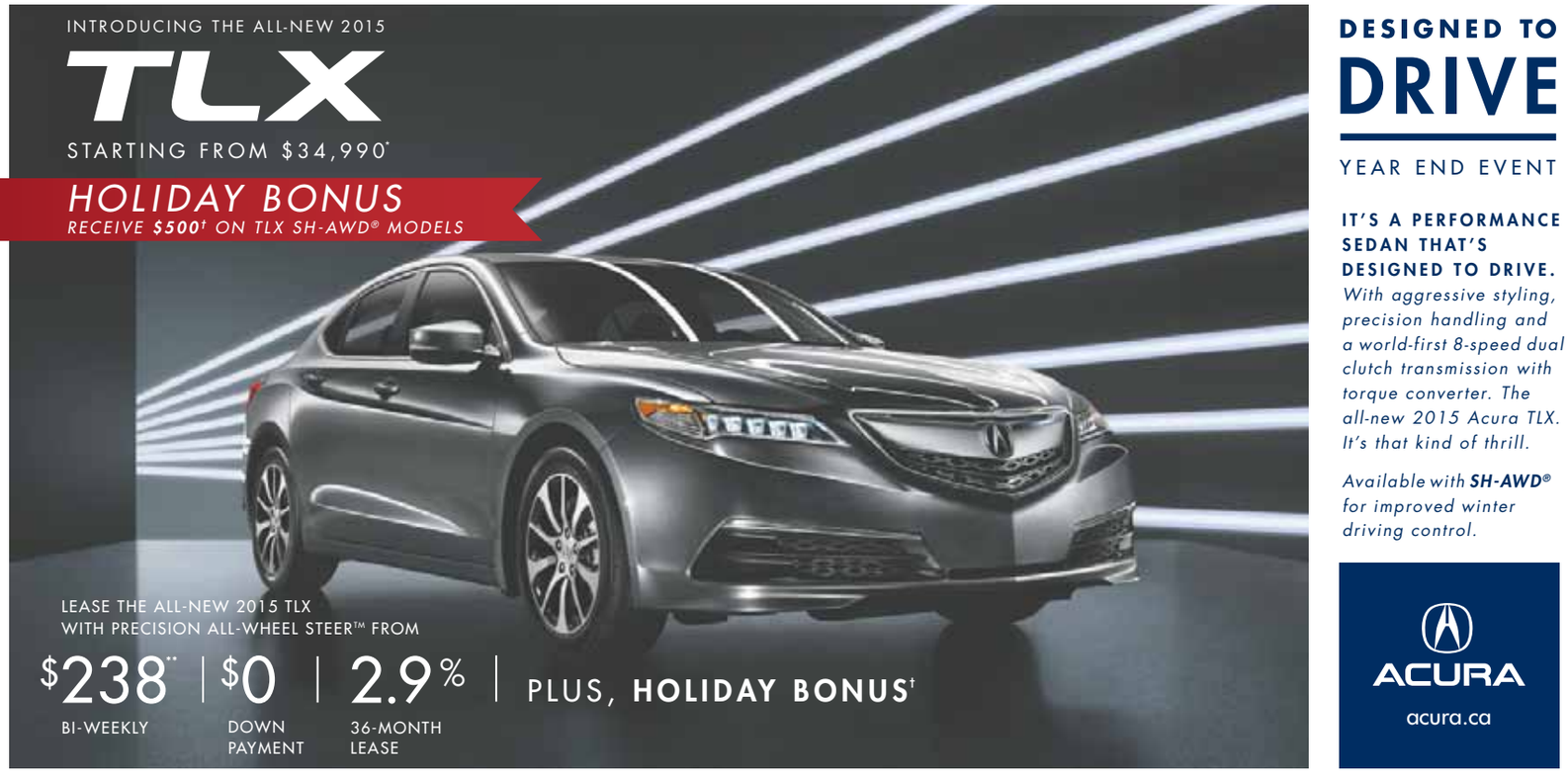
On today's cars, the paint is dull after it's dried and heat-cured, and that final clear coat gives the finish its shine. Depending on the colour, the car may need a few different coats of paint under the clear coat, which can give it a pearlescent sheen.

If the car is damaged and needs to be repainted, the body shop has to repair the finish to match the rest of the paint. Good preparation is essential: not only does any bodyfiller have to be sanded absolutely smooth so the panel looks straight, but the layers of primer, paint and clear coat have to match and adhere to the existing paint.

"We sand areas to be painted because it increases the surface area for the paint to grab onto," Suzuki says. "If it's not scuffed, you could get into problems with paint adhesion. You have to make the panel look a lot worse before you make it look better."

Paint protection

- Some colour fading does happen over time, and repair shops have to match the new paint to the old. Some paint manufacturers have optical machines that will read the car's surface and determine the new paint's formula.
- Companies such as 3M make urethane paint-protection films and sprays, sometimes called clear bras, that adhere to the car to protect the finish.
- Keeping the car clean and waxing it regularly will help the paint stay shiny longer.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Shift: From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

Proposed four-door version of VW's XL1 will still sip fuel

Volkswagen has put a four-door, four-seat version of the XL1 — its hyper-high-mileage laboratory-on-wheels — on the drawing board, says Britain's Autocar magazine. VW might have more in mind for the groundbreaking XL1 than merely mining it for advances to improve the next-generation Golf. Autocar projects that the changes necessary to move the XL1 into four-passenger territory could raise its weight to 940 kilograms from its current 795, with speculation that the rear seats would be staggered, as is the case with the fronts. Crucially, the magazine thinks the extra weight wouldn't greatly change the two-seater XL1's 0.9 L/100 km rating, "with tech tweaks and the aerodynamic benefit of a longer car" largely offsetting the four-door's greater capacity.

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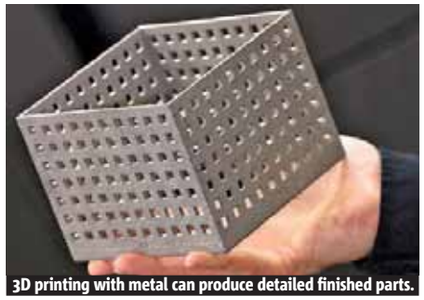
Although this proposed four-door version of Volkswagen's XL1 weighs more than the two-door, it could still achieve a similar 0.9 L/100 km with tech tweaks and the aerodynamic benefits of a longer car.

Converting power more efficiently with the aid of 3D printing

A new development at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee could help build electric cars that are more powerful and energy-efficient. A smaller, lighter power inverter marries advances in 3D printing with new semiconductor technology. Power inverters are an essential part of any electric vehicle, explains Gizmag, as they take direct current stored in the battery pack and turn it into alternating current that feeds the motor. The lab also used 3D printing to build about half of the inverter's parts, which allowed the scientists to reduce weight and be more flexible in controlling heat.



3D printing with metal can produce detailed finished parts.

Shift points

- Porsche's limited-run 918 Spyder plug-in hybrid supercar is almost sold out, despite requiring a $200,000 US deposit against its $847,975 price tag. Only 918 copies will be built, and so far, only about 30 have been delivered to buyers around the world, reports Automotive News.
- Nissan entered the commercial zero-emissions vehicle market in October when it launched its plug-in electric e-NV200 van in Japan. It uses technology developed through its first zero-emissions vehicle, the Leaf sedan. No word yet on whether it will come to North America.

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Rocking and rolling

Honda VFR800. Sexy new compact cuddler proves a bit less exciting when the traffic gets rough

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The Honda VFR has a long history of being a fan favourite. Since its debut as a V4-750 cc, the VFR has garnered attention. So much so, that changing it was a risky venture for Honda.

But any fears were unfounded, as Honda updated the bike's style, reduced its weight by 10 kg and added features such as adjustable seat height, traction control, ABS, heated grips and self-cancelling signals.

The changes put the 2014 model at the top of my list for desired test rides, and I managed to get my hands around the bars of one for a quick road trip to a mid-summer rock concert.

"Now that's a sexy bike!" I thought as I arrived to pick up the VFR800. But while the good looks may draw you in, it's the ride that will keep you there.

I admit that taking to the highway on a Friday afternoon wasn't the best decision, as Vancouver's outdoor enthusiasts were proudly towing most of their recreational belongings out of the city for the weekend.

My wimpy grip was put to the test in an exercise of clutch control during heavy rush hour traffic, which didn't see my digital gear change out of third or my speedo go past 60 km/h for about 100 km of the Trans Canada.

After nearly 2-1/2 hours, I pulled into the Chevron gas station in Hope, where there was barely room for a motorcycle to squeeze between all the campers and cars.

Although the compact rider triangle of the VFR initially excited me, I found myself cursing this cuddler after two hours of Friday-afternoon gridlock.

My hips, wrists, shoulders and knees were practically locked in place, and I questioned who I thought I was — some 20-year-old spry athlete? I still had three hours of travel ahead and I was already fatigued.

As I sat on the lawn working out the cramps in my calves and sucking back Gatorade to replenish my fluids, I admired a relaxed-looking Harley rider saddling up.

Back on the road, I continued south toward a blackened skyline just as Mother Nature started a light show.

"Oh that's just great!" I considered pulling over, but a thumbs up from riders headed in the opposite direction told me it wasn't as bad as it looked, so I persevered.

As liquid polka dots decorated the blacktop below me, I thought about the traction control. When the sky opened up, and the road reflected oil, surface grit and flashes of light, my wrist rolled off the throttle but the Honda didn't waiver. I anticipated tire movement but stayed strong and consistent for the next 20 km, until I came out the other side of the storm — soaked, but still upright.

At 527 pounds, I initially considered the VFR800 to be heavy. But that extra weight was welcome when the wind picked up as I crested the mountain and began my descent into the Okanagan.

As I pulled into the lot at the South Okanagan Event Centre in Penticton, I immediately caught the attention of a group of enthusiastic roadies — proving that the full-fairing VFR800 in pearl white (also in red) appeals to both men and women.

After parking my ride alongside the Alice in Chains tour buses, I answered a few questions and then left the ogling crowd circling my bike — as I headed inside just in time to catch the grand finale of the rock show.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you keep an open mind about a money matter you will see opportunities others are likely to overlook. You will be surprised how easy it is to turn a profit.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The pressure is beginning to mount. You feel there are things in your life that need to be changed, and you are right. If you cannot change them yourself, fate will do it for you.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The longer you allow something that annoys you to continue the worse it will get, so speak up and, if necessary, provoke a showdown.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Are you happy with who you are and what you are doing with your life? If so, why are you so concerned what other people think about you?

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You worry that you are being forced to move in a direction you don't want to go. In which case you have no alternative but to dig in your heels and refuse to budge another inch.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Trivial issues will bother you less over the next 24 hours, and as Mercury, your ruler and planet of the mind, is linked with Neptune in a positive way your imaginative powers will soar.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The answer to a problem will become crystal clear today. You may have to pay out more than you expected but it's worth it if it sets you free.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You can apparently talk your way out of any difficult situation at the moment. Be that as it may, don't say things you know are not true for the fun of it.

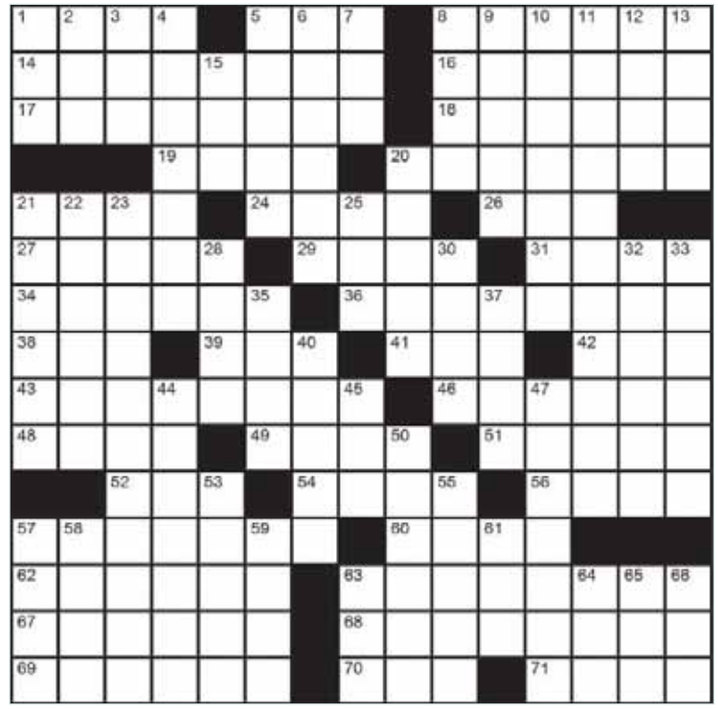
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your problem seems to be you are trying to do everything at once. The kind of changes you envisage will take a long time to bring about, so pace yourself.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Whatever you do today don't lose your temper, even if you have a right to be annoyed. You will be able to express yourself in a more positive fashion on Friday and over the weekend.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Sometimes you have to take centre stage when the cosmic script calls for it, and it is calling for it today. Let everyone see who you are, what you believe in and what you can do.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It's OK to change your opinion in the light of new information and with mind planet Mercury strong in your chart you will find it easy to update your views. But don't change every few hours.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Additionally
5. Mozart opera, L'__ del Cairo
8. Community 'In the Heart of Yukon's Southern Lakes'
14. Office desk item
16. Record label Clive Davis founded
17. Shaken
18. Not as shiny
19. Ancient war god
20. Ship stabilizer
21. Complain
24. Writer Roald
26. German article
27. __-ski
29. Chimney locale
31. "Manifesto 14" (Produced by Clams Casino) by Vancouver rapper _._._._
34. Lime __ (Bar drink)
36. Ancient statue of Rhodes
38. Explosive letters
39. My Name Is Asher __ (Chaim Potok novel)
41. Blueprint
42. __-for-tat
43. Valuable item kept in the family
46. Protective shoe covering
48. __ iris (Rainbow, in Spanish)
49. Avec: English
51. Company's new staff addition
52. Small dog
54. Gladiator's 57
56. Mini military man
57. 1990 to 1996 Canadian show, "Road to __"
60. Memo
62. Manitoba town
63. Was present
67. Med. line-to-the-patient: 2 wds.
68. Sneezer's ailment: 2 wds.
69. Evening prayer bell
70. Promos
71. Give off

Down
1. Music honour, e.g. Canada: 2 wds.
2. Chopped tree segment
3. Fashion designer Anna
4. 'Canada's Polka King', Walter __
5. Selected
6. Conqueror of Gaul
7. Supplement
8. "There you have it!"
9. As _ __ (Usually)
10. Winnipeg-born actor Daniel of CTV's "Saving Hope"
11. Atlantic Division team in the National Basketball League of Canada: 2 wds.
12. Jeanne d'Arc, et al.
13. Rodgers and __ (Broadway composers)
15. Stud locale
20. Flower
21. Lifestyle maven Ms. Stewart
22. Opinion-giver
23. Manitoba's Churchill ...and Russia's Murmansk: 2 wds.
25. Ad __ committee
28. Hawk
30. Ensign
32. Costumed
33. Bible book
35. "Ouch!"
37. Moonfish
40. "Presto!"
44. Herd: 2 wds.
45. Music channel
47. Driver's need
50. Intimated
53. The __ (Area of Ottawa)
55. Bits
57. Tel __, Israel
58. "__ Le Rock" by Adam Ant
59. Puny power
61. Mr. Danson
63. "Gotcha!"
64. Mr. DeLuise
65. Yalie
66. Old bug spray

Monday's Crossword

Online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers

Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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Monday's Sudoku

7	5	2	8	4	6	9	3	1
1	6	4	2	9	3	5	8	7
3	9	8	1	7	5	6	2	4
6	2	9	4	8	7	1	5	3
8	4	1	3	5	9	2	7	6
5	3	7	6	2	1	4	9	8
2	7	6	5	1	8	3	4	9
9	1	5	7	3	4	8	6	2
4	8	3	9	6	2	7	1	5

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